

Dear members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

I'm writing in support of SB135 with the -1 and -2 amendments, to strengthen regulation of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services.

SB135, as amended, would:

- Make the employer, in addition to the practitioner, legally accountable for adhering to existing Oregon law governing the practice of behavior analysis.
- Clarify that the unlicensed practice of Applied Behavior Analysis is illegal and give the Health Licensing Office the authority to take enforcement action against unlicensed providers.

We have been fortunate to have our 10 year old undergo ABA therapy from a young age and have seen great results in his behavior and ability to learn. It saddens us about the latest news regarding the abuse of a child by his therapist, and therefore we support greater oversight and regulation to keep our vulnerable children safe from harm.

Thank you,

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