

Dear members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

We are 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 are parents of a child on the spectrum and using ABA services since our child has been diagnosed. We have had tremendous success with this therapy. As parents of a special needs child, we are stretched very thin and rely on medical professionals and those that are certified as such to uphold ethical and legal standards. That being said, recent cases and experiences have shed new light on the fact that ABA is not being enforced by the Health Licensing Office and therefore causing standards to be slipped and potential longterm hard being inflicted on the most vulnerable community. We feel this amendment will ensure additional measures are put in place to protect these individuals like our child and without them more issues like the recent Oregon RBT case may occur.

Thank you,

Mr & Mrs Lawler