

Honored Chair and Committee,

I am writing to you in support of SB 795 on behalf of Oregon Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (ORID). ORID is a professional membership organization for American Sign Language/English Interpreters. On behalf of the ORID Board I am writing to express our support for SB 795. We believe the Oregon Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Services Program (ODHHS) is essential in ensuring Deaf and hard of hearing Oregonians have equitable access to programs and services throughout the state. We urge the passing of legislation that will ensure the permanency of this program within our state government.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Thank You, The Board of Oregon Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

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