

To the members of the house committee on healthcare,

As a social worker who works in mental health I have worked with sign language interpreters my entire career. They serve a important role in healthcare professionals serving the needs of their patients and clients. Unfortunately, because there is currently no set standard or license, there have been times when unqualified interpreters have come to serve my patients made worse what is often a stressful and critical moment in that person's life. The passage of HB3231 will help ensure that interpreters are only working in settings that meet their skill level. This will improve the lives of thousands of Oregonians around the state.

Please vote in support of HB3231.

Thank you for your time,  
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