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Senator Deb Patterson, Chair
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RE: Support for SB355

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Association of Behavior Analysis' (ORABA) board is writing to express our support of SB 355, which delays the sunset of the original senate bill SB365. SB365 clarified health insurance coverage requirements specific to Autism Spectrum Disorder.

While this law will ultimately need a significant overhaul to align it with the Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and the Affordable Care Act, the delay of the sunset allows more time for the development of solutions for long-term issues such as consumer rights etc.

Delaying the sunset of SB365 will continue to provide consumers (Oregonians living with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other related disorders, as well as their families) with access to care into the future, including medically necessary health care services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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