

SB 685 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies definition of “communication facilitator” to include deaf individuals with physical disability that limits the person’s expressive communication receiving the service.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Law (ORS 759.693) defines a “communication facilitator” as someone who provides professional assistive services that are necessary for effective communication for persons who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing and have a physical disability that limits their expressive communication.

Senate Bill 685 would add persons who are deaf and have a physical disability that limits their expressive communication to the list of persons communication facilitators serve.