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I strongly support SB 612. Passing this bill will result in language equity; everyone should be able to have the resources and support they need to communicate and participate in their communities. I strongly agree that there is a need for the development of language proficiency evaluation mechanisms for Indigenous languages. I also support allowing interpreters to demonstrate their language skills and obtain formal credentialing, in addition to allowing Indigenous interpreters to be paid a living wage (instead of Indigenous Oregonians being forced to pay for their own interpretation through a potentially unreliable or unqualified interpreter).