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Representative Courtney Neron Chair, House Committee on Education Oregon State Legislature 900 Court St NE, H-281 Salem, OR 97301

SUBJECT: Letter of Support - HB 2596 School Psychology Compact

Chair Neron:

On behalf of the Department of Defense (DoD), I am writing in support of the policy changes expressed in HB 2596. This legislation enters the State of Oregon into the School Psychology compact.

Licensure compacts create seamless licensure portability for all members of a profession, including military spouses and servicemembers. By adopting licensure compacts, states can improve military spouse employment and military family financial readiness.

The Department of Defense deems occupational licensure compacts to be the premier tool for military spouse licensure portability. Through a cooperative agreement with the Council of State Governments, DoD supports the extensive stakeholder-informed and consensus-based process of compact development.

We are grateful for the many policies Oregon has implemented that benefit of our military members and their families. We respectfully request your continued support by adopting occupational licensure compacts.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have, <u>Tammie.L.Perreault.civ@mail.mil</u> or (571) 424-8264.

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