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I am writing in support of passing this bill because it would allow more speech language pathologists (SLP) to more easily provide care in counties near other states. I treat voice and swallowing disorders in Portland, OR but see patients from many rural areas and other states, some of which drive upward of 6 hours to be seen. Specialized SLPs that treat their conditions are often not available in these remote areas. Given the need for repeat sessions and the distance from our center, patients often don't receive the care that they need due to an inability of our SLP team to practice in their region using remote care. If this bill passes, it would allow specialized SLPs from large academic centers such as OHSU to provide care to patients traveling far distances for tertiary/subspecialty voice and swallowing care.