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I am writing in support of passing this bill because it would allow more speech language pathologists (SLPs) to practice in counties near other states. I live in Washington County, and have frequently worked in Clark County, WA. If this bill passes, it would allow Oregon SLPs to more easily become licensed in multiple states and more easily maintain multiple licenses. This serves school districts, hospitals, and clinics in rural and urban areas and all the children and families they serve. SLPs are chronically in short supply, and this is one step we can take to remove barriers for SLPs who have the opportunity to fill an open position, whether in-person or via tele practice.