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As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who primarily works in Oregon and is licensed in Oregon (not Washington) this would be very helpful for times when my clients are located in Washington during Telehealth session times (when due to not being licensed in Oregon we have to cancel sessions). The reality is that Vancouver and the Portland area are becoming more and more integrated but the needed separate licensure is currently incessant and arbitrary. Passing this would be very helpful for many clients, especially those who are under resourced and have difficulty with transportation/who rely on others for transportation and/or who rely on Telehealth due to disabilities and have family located on both sides of the river.