

Submitter: Mary Mitchell  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health  
Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2357

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chair Javadi, Vice Chair Nelson, and Members of the  
Committee,

I am writing to you as a licensed speech-language pathologist and resident of Oregon to support HB 2357. This legislation will allow individuals needing speech-language pathology services to access services they need from specialists who are equipped to provide them with the specialized care they need. The types of specialized care that speech-language pathologists provide vary across the following assessment treatment areas across the lifespan: speech (producing speech sounds, voice, resonance, fluency), language/literacy, social language, swallowing, cognition, assistive communication. Patients in healthcare have enough barriers to access services they need; please grant them some ease of access by supporting this bill.

Thank you,  
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