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I am writing in support of passing this bill because it would allow more speech language pathologists (SLP) to practice in counties near other states. Since I was eleven years old, I have been a patient with audiology for slight hearing loss, and I believe this program is important. I work at OHSU for administration in Portland OR, which is a very rural area. If this bill passes, it would allow SLPs from neighboring states to easily practice in rural areas like mine and better serve the patients here. The Oregon Health and University of Science is always looking for more SLPs to serve our students and the community, passing this bill would allow for both in person and tele-practice SLPs to more easily fill these positions.