

Submitter: Glen Fairfield  
On Behalf Of: Hard of hearing individuals seeking hearing help.  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB943

I do oppose this bill as written as it will remove licensed hearing aid specialists from providing hearing testing, fitting and optimizing hearing aids for the hard of hearing. Studies are showing older individuals with untreated hearing loss can lead to cognitive decline or worse. Delay in accessing appropriate care is a disservice to this demographic and could have lasting consequences.

There is already a backlog of ones seeking help and not being able to be seen in a timely fashion. Removing qualified, professionally licensed hearing aid specialists from the equation will make it harder for ones seeking help with their hearing to have it addressed in a timely fashion.

Thanks for your consideration,

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