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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB950

To the Honorable Senators of the Health Care Committee,  
I'm writing to ask you to support SB950. This bill clarifies and streamlines the licensure law that was created during the 2023 session for sign language interpreters in Oregon. The rule-making process has highlighted areas where the statute created redundancies and confusion, and others that left critical gaps, such as an on-ramping process for new interpreters entering the field. The goal of licensure is to protect the rights of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Oregonians, but as written it is derailing that goal and causing harm. The amendments put forth in SB 950 will get us back on track.

Please support the Oregon Sign Language Interpreter Licensure Amendment Bill (SB 950) to save time, money, and confusion for the state and for interpreters to improve communication with Oregon's Deaf, and DeafBlind citizens as they attend public meetings, medical appointments, legal appointments. This allows them to participate fully, like those who can hear.

Thank you.

Eileen Marma