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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES SB 950
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB950

I OPPOSE [SB 950].

From the Text of [SB 950], "...SECTION 2. (1) The State Board of Sign Language Interpreters may establish by rule a process for the issuance of a supervisory sign language interpreter license and a sign language interpreter license by endorsement to an applicant who:...

... SECTION 3. (1) The Health Licensing Office may issue a sign language interpreter-in-training license to an applicant who: (a) Is at least 18 years of age; (b) Demonstrates compliance with the code of professional conduct authored by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or its successor organization, and the National Association of the Deaf, or its successor organization, and approved by the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters; (c) Meets the requirements established by the board relating to minimum qualifications, education or training or any combination thereof; (d) Meets any other requirements established by the board; and (e) Pays a fee established by the board.

... (3)(a) A licensed sign language interpreter-in-training may provide signed language interpretation services only under the direct, in-person supervision of a licensed supervisory sign language interpreter or a licensed sign language interpreter. (b) A licensed supervisory sign language interpreter or licensed sign language interpreter who supervises a licensed sign language interpreter-in-training is responsible for the signed language services provided by the licensed sign language interpreter-in-training...."

***[SB 950] increases the workloads, records keeping and insurances of, "The State Board of Sign Language Interpreters" and "The Health Licensing Office" and "Licensed supervisory sign language interpreter" without the slightest budget allocations to pay for the aforementioned salaries, benefits, and other overheads.

There are 'No' budget allocations for [SB 950] and this is the K.O.D. (Kiss of Death) to this piece of Legislation.

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