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Statements In Support of the Enrolled Agent Parity Proposal in the 2 amendments to SB 1510

Before the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee

To Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the Committee:

I am a federally licensed Enrolled Agent. I am writing to ask for your EA support of the Enrolled Agent Parity Proposal in the 2 amendments to SB 1510 currently before the Legislature.

Oregon is the only state that requires federally licensed enrolled agents to pass a separate state exam and limits our ability to supervise trained staff. This makes Oregon a national outlier and creates unnecessary barriers that restrict taxpayer access to qualified, affordable tax representation.

The proposal does not expand the scope of practice for enrolled agents; it simply aligns Oregon law with the federal authority EAs already hold and that every other state recognizes.

Enrolled Agents are governed by U.S.T.C. 230 which governs professional ethics and requires 24 hours a year of continuing education of which 2 hours must include professional ethics.

I represented through the years taxpayers who moved to OR and had to end a many years relationship with me because I was not licensed in OR.

I respectfully urge your support of this common-sense proposal to improve taxpayer access while maintaining appropriate oversight.

Respectfully submitted,

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