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Statement In Support of the Enrolled Agent Parity Proposal in the -2 amendment to SB1510
Before the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee March 2, 2026.

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

I am a federally licensed Enrolled Agent who represents Oregon taxpayers. I am writing to ask for your EA support of the Enrolled Agent Parity Proposal in the -2 amendment to SB 1510 currently before the Legislature. I have over thirty years of experience and my practice covers a broad range of tax clients – individuals, partnerships, corporations, trusts and exempt organizations. I have clients in 15 states.

I am sure you are aware of this, but nevertheless I have to point out that 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. What this does is limit the ability for your Oregon constituents to have access to qualified representation.

The proposal does not eliminate oversight. Enrolled agents would still be required to register with the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners, preserving consumer protection, accountability, and transparency—without duplicating federal licensure. The proposal simply aligns Oregon law with the federal authority EAs already hold and that every other state recognizes. Current law discourages enrolled agents from practicing in Oregon, which reduces access to specialized tax help—particularly for small businesses, rural taxpayers, seniors, and lower income filers. The Oregon Department of Revenue has indicated it does not anticipate implementation issues or a significant fiscal impact, as enrolled agents would pay a registration fee.

I have taken the time to review the examination requirements and sample exams in many states required for basic income tax preparation licensing and I have to tell you that the extremely rigorous examinations required to obtain the Enrolled Agent designation require far more knowledge, expertise and experience than is needed to obtain a state license. You can rest assured that an EA is more than competent to adequately represent Oregon taxpayers in addition to being held to strict federal standards.

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

Sincerely,



William Boord, EA