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**Oregon State Senate**

Vote Explanation: HB 2048 B

HB 2048 B would allow for issuance of a temporary license for individuals who provide Applied Behavioral Analysis Services. Many people with disabilities have expressed concern that ABA is underregulated and that some ABA methods are ineffective, coercive or even abusive.

Autistic leaders have shared their concerns with me, including compelling stories about their lived experiences as recipients of these services. Many in the disability community share these concerns. Policy works best when we listen to the voices of those most impacted--- in this case, disabled people. I cast a No vote out of respect for the concerns broadly raised by people with disabilities who have experienced ABA. My NO vote was also rooted in my belief that this industry needs more, rather than less, regulation in order to protect children, parents, insurers and quality providers.

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