

**TIFFINY MITCHELL**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
DISTRICT 32



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

April 17, 2019

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I wish to submit the following explanation for my vote on House Bill 2454-A.

I voted in opposition to HB 2454-A because it lacks important regulations for ensuring that the included occupations who may apply to work in Oregon have the necessary qualifications that are commensurate with Oregon regulations. Also, the bill doesn't extend the same application options to other regions of Oregon outside Eastern Oregon. Nurses, for example, are needed in rural areas across the state, not just in Eastern Oregon.

I fully support the concept of this bill, but believe it could be improved with additional sideboards. While this bill includes provisions that are useful for expanding the number of medical providers who wish to practice in rural areas, I believe this legislation should include tighter regulations and it should be expanded to ensure the highest standard of care for all rural Oregonians.

Moving forward this session, I will encourage my colleagues in the Oregon Senate to make those changes and pass this legislation for the benefit for all of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tiffany Mitchell".

Representative Tiffany Mitchell

