

OREGON STATE SENATE

March 7, 2024

Obadiah Rutledge Secretary of the Senate

RE: Vote Explanation for Senate Bill 1578

Dear Secretary Rutledge,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my vote explanation for Senate Bill 1578. I supported this bill but did so with some trepidation that I wanted to share. I absolutely want to be sure that people seeking medical services receive interpreter services. I also want to be sure that interpreters are paid in a timely manner. However, I shared concerns in the Ways and Means Committee regarding the indeterminate fiscal analysis, specifically around the IT procurement. I have been reassured there is an 'off the shelf' model that will be purchased and I will be following that procurement. I worry that this bill lacks clarity to address some of the concerns that we heard in the Ways and Means Committee and on the Senate floor. I commit to following the process as this bill is enacted.

Sincerely,

Senator Janeen Sollman Senate District 15

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