

HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE

Board of Sign Language Interpreters

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You're Invited!

Virtual Information Gathering Session on Sign Language Interpreting Hosted by the Health Licensing Office

Save the Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025

(5:00 p.m. − 7:00 p.m. (PDT)

Join us for an important virtual Information Gathering Session focused on the future of sign language interpreter licensing and regulation in Oregon. This session is intended to gather community feedback ahead of the formal rulemaking process related to SB 950 (2025). We invite all stakeholders to share their thoughts, experiences, and suggestions. Your input will help shape the upcoming Rule Advisory Committee discussions and the Board of Sign Language Interpreters' (Board) final decisions regarding rulemaking.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to sign language interpreter-in-training license qualifications, license exceptions for out-of-state interpreters whose license or other state authorization is recognized by the Board and temporary sign language interpretation services, national fees, supervision requirements, specialty licenses and settings for repealed licenses (educational, medical and legal).

Please note that this is a virtual "Information Gathering Session" only; there will be no responses to questions or discussions during the event.

Ways to	How to attend the virtual session:		
attend:	Join By:	Session or Conference ID:	Passcode:
Zoom (audio/video)	Click here to join the session	Session ID: 161 698 2521	172400
Zoom (audio only)	Dial (669) 254-5252	Session ID: 161 698 2521#	

HLO has scheduled three sign language interpreters, one being a Deaf sign language interpreter and CART captioning to attend. If you have any questions about accommodations or need assistance to participate, please contact Josh Page at josh.page@oha.oregon.gov, or by calling (503) 934-0720; or Krissy Pickett at krissy.pickett@oha.oregon.gov, or by calling (503) 378-2093. All relay calls are accepted.

Health Licensing Office Board of Sign Language Interpreters

Information Gathering Session September 4, 2025, at 5:05 p.m.



PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION Health Licensing Office

Welcome

- This session is being held through Zoom videoconference
- The video will be posted to the Board's YouTube Channel following the session
- Sign language interpreters and real-time captioning are being provided



Purpose

- Public engagement
- Allow the public to participate in a public forum
- Allow for feedback regarding licensing & regulation of sign language interpreters
- Inclusiveness and accessibility are paramount



Today's Session

- Is not a public meeting
- May have Board and Rules Advisory Committee members in attendance but they are here to observe
- Will have no discussion, deliberation or decisions made



Health Licensing Office

- HLO is here to gather information and take notes
- Questions will not be answered during the session
- Questions can be emailed to josh.page@oha.Oregon.gov



Rulemaking

SB 950 (2025) becomes effective

Expected public comment period

Board scheduled to adopt permanent rules

22 Oct.

19 Nov.

26 Sep.

1-28 Nov.

11 Dec.

Board scheduled to approve proposed rules

Public hearing on proposed rules



How to Participate

- Use Zoom raised hand feature when you would like to comment
- When called on state your first and last name
- Each person will be given 3 minutes to comment
- If there is extra time additional comments may be accepted





How to Participate

- Speak clearly for interpreters and captioner
- Mute phones and remain off-camera
- Chat feature has been disabled
- Please use appropriate language manners and protocols



Begin Comments



Closing Remarks

 The video will be posted to the Board's YouTube Channel

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Public meeting schedule:

https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-Sign-Language-Interpreters-Meetings.aspx



Thank You

- Questions: <u>Josh.page@oha.Oregon.gov</u>
- Accepting Board member applications: Krissy.picket@oha.Oregon.gov

