

Corina Drake Minior, Written Statement

RE: Statements In Opposition of the Enrolled Agent Parity

Proposal: SB1510 A

Before the House Committee on Revenue

Monday, March 2, 2026

Good afternoon Chair Representative Nathanson, Vice-Chairs and Members of the committee,

For the record my name is Corina Drake Minior. I am here speaking as an Oregon tax licensee who strongly opposes SB1510 A as it is written.

I am a Consultant who began my professional career as a Preparer. I started as a Preparer in 2011, and now have 15 years of experience. Over the years I have assisted numerous clients whose Oregon tax returns were unfortunately prepared incorrectly by out-of-state practitioners, including those credentialed as Enrolled Agents. These errors have resulted in nightmarish financial situations, and avoidable stress for taxpayers. Because of this, Oregon specific testing and oversight are extremely important. Removing testing requirements for Enrolled Agents would weaken the integrity of the board and leave Oregon taxpayers unprotected, which runs counter to the Board's mission of safeguarding Oregon taxpayers.

SB1510 A would significantly reduce or eliminate Oregon specific examination requirements for Enrolled Agents. It would remove exam requirements and continuing education requirements. It would also allow for unlicensed and unregistered individuals to prepare Oregon tax returns under an Enrolled Agent's supervision without guarantee of any meaningful oversight. These changes also weaken the Registered Tax Aide or RTA program that was recently created as a means for individuals interested in tax work to become credentialed in half the time previously required. It will allow for many of the issues brought forth by proponents of SB1510 A to be resolved while still maintaining appropriate consumer safeguards.

Because these amendments directly affect professional licensure standards and consumer protection safety, they raise important policy considerations related to commerce and consumer protection.

The accuracy and integrity of tax preparation in Oregon directly affects Oregon consumers. For that reason, I respectfully encourage this committee to reconsider SB1510 A as it is written. Do not capitulate to individuals who would see consumer protections weakened for their own convenience.

Please, act to preserve Oregon's commitment to taxpayer protection and professional accountability.

Most Sincerely,

Corina Drake Minior.