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American
Speech-Language-Hearing
Association

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The Honorable Kevin Cook
Chair, Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee
P.O. Box 83720, Room WW54
Boise, ID 83720-0081

RE: Sunset Review; SB 1109

Dear Senator Cook:

On behalf of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write to express support for SB 1109, which moves the sunset review date for licensing authorities from every five years to every 10 years.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 228,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students. Over 1,400 ASHA members reside in Idaho.¹

Audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) are regulated under the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses. The authority of this Division provides for protections of both consumers and the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology. Passage of SB 1109 will ease the unnecessary administrative and financial burdens that currently exist under the more frequent five-year sunset review process.

Thank you for considering ASHA's support for SB 1109. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Eileen Crowe, ASHA's director, state association relations, at ecrowe@asha.org.

Sincerely,

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2023 ASHA President

¹ American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (2022). Idaho [Quick Facts]. <https://www.asha.org/siteassets/advocacy/state-fliers/idaho-state-flyer.pdf>.