



ASHA
American
Speech-Language-Hearing
Association

May 7, 2020

The Honorable Brian W. Jones
State Capitol, Room 4088
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 878

Dear Senator Jones:

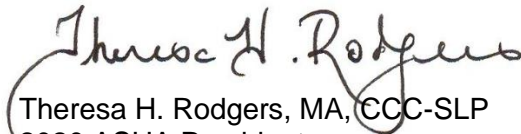
On behalf of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write to support Senate Bill 878, which requires each board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to prominently display current licensure application and renewal processing times on their individual websites.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 211,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students. Over 15,800 ASHA members reside in California.

Audiology and speech-language pathology members residing in California often reach out to ASHA regarding the process for licensure from the Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensers Board. Members often express frustration about the time it takes to get a license and the lack of response to inquiries about the status of their application. The requirement under Senate Bill 878 that each board issuing licenses within the Department of Consumer Affairs prominently display the current timeframe for processing initial and renewal license applications on its website will be helpful to ASHA members and clinical fellows seeking licensure in the state.

ASHA is pleased to offer its support of Senate Bill 878. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Eileen Crowe, ASHA's director of state association relations, at ecrowe@asha.org.

Sincerely,



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