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SB 618 TESTIMONY

Dear Chair Gelser and Committee Members,

I am Janet Arenz, Executive Director of the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs. We are a statewide nonprofit organization representing 45 providers, who deliver \$223 million in services to over 100,000 children each year. Additionally, these providers employ 5500 individuals, with \$152 million in annual payroll.

Among our members are 10 runaway and homeless providers from around the state.

- Please see the attached sheet identifying them.

We connected each of you with the number of homeless children and unaccompanied minors in your legislative districts.

- Please see the attached sheet for your count.

This bill concept addresses the challenge of getting state identification cards for youth who are homeless -- many are unaccompanied minors.

Ann Craig, the Director of Jackson Street Shelter, will tell you about her shelter and the circumstances she faces for youth who need ID cards.

All of the other providers in the Alliance share the same issues, that is navigating multiple federal and state agencies and requirements who cross-require information from each other to obtain necessary documents.

- You can't get an Oregon ID Card without a social security number; you can't get a social security number without a birth certificate; you can't get a birth certificate without valid ID.
- The only relief from this is if -- in the last 30 days -- you were issued a photo student ID card from a high school, you may be able use this to order a birth certificate.

Here are some everyday activities and benefits you can't get without valid identification:

- * a job
- * education scholarships
- * submit an application for Oregon Health Plan services
- * a drivers license
- * take your SAT exam
- * register to vote
- * fly on an airplane
- * get subsidized housing

Accomplishing these tasks are very difficult if you are a minor and don't have an active legal guardian who will sign applications, know where you were born and have home address to mail documents.

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Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Minors in Your District*
2015 Human Services and Early Childhood Senate Committee

Representative	District	# of Homeless School Age Children in Legislative District	# of Unaccompanied Minors Attending School in Legislative District	# of Unaccompanied Minors NOT Attending School in Legislative District	Total Unaccompanied Minors in Legislative District
Chair Sara Gelser	D-8	496	89	89	178
Vice Chair Olsen	R-20	653	129	129	258
Senator Dembrow	D-23	257	69	69	138
Senator Monnes-Anderson	D-25	1,886	102	102	204
Senator Kruse	R-1	629	36	36	72
Oregon Totals	all	19,619	3,028	3,028	6,056

* based upon the November, 2014 McKinney-Vento Numbers provided by Oregon Department of Education
<http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=1976>



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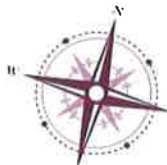
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