

I am an advocate for families who are defending themselves from false allegations of abuse and neglect in Oregon and a member of the National Family Advocacy Team whose goal is to assist parents in knowing their rights during child welfare intervention. I vehemently oppose HB2033 that deletes current requirements for training of front line workers who investigate and make determinations that have such a serious impact upon families.

Oregon has failed federal criteria for good practices in 3 rounds of evaluation in 2001, 2008 and 2016. The Administration for Children and Families in Region 10 Seattle has spoken to me personally on why the failures. The reason stated was that Oregon leadership does not support good social work practices. The Oregon DHS should not create or implement rules that qualify investigators. The rules should remain in statute and my perspective is that all front-line workers who deal personally with families should be card carrying NASW members who can be held accountable to the standards and ethics of social work. See the legislative proposal SB5163 in Washington State by Senator Roach in 2013-14.

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