

Dear Chair Gelser and Members of Senate Committee On Human Services,

Please support SB 653. Oregonians want to see major improvements to our foster care system here in Oregon. This bill addresses just a small handful of these concerns. It is very important to make sure we have due process to protect children and families here in Oregon from unjustly being separated. Anytime there is an abuse allegation against a parent, this allegation should be backed up with evidence so we are doing right by all parties involved. A parent's record should not be permanently smeared for allegations they have been cleared of.

Of utmost importance is also the responsibility of DHS to respect and uphold parental rights through this difficult process, to provide parental or legal guardian consent for medical care, haircuts, etc.. Please support SB 653.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mindy K.  
Oregon resident