

Statement of Corinne Visser in support of SB 700

I am writing to give my personal testimony in support of SB 700. I am a personal survivor of a brain injury. I have suffered two severe concussions and now have Post Concussion Syndrome. I worked in the medical field for several years prior to sustaining my second concussion. Even with my experience in healthcare I became extremely frustrated with navigating our healthcare system to get the proper care needed to treat my symptoms. I found I had to many times advocate for myself as my healthcare providers didn't understand my challenges and what I needed for services. I had to advocate for several years and am just now finally at the point where I am able to hold a full time job again. I am in support of SB 700 as no one should have to suffer and deal with the frustrations I dealt with navigating our healthcare system. I many times felt so desolate and alone I just wanted to give up but I kept persevering until I got the services I needed. This should not be the case we need more available resources to survivors of brain injuries. Learning to live life after a brain injury is challenging enough without navigating a healthcare system not prepared to provide the care and resources one needs. There also needs to be more research into not only treating but also preventing brain injuries. With more research and education many brain injuries, especially ones suffered by children and young adults in sports can be avoided.