



HB 2738 and HB 2387- Support

House Committee on Human Services

Chair Williams and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition supports both HB 2738 and HB 2387 for the simple reason that the bills support an organization and volunteers who are critical to Oregon's foster children at a time when they are most vulnerable.

We are aware that volunteers are necessary and a valuable resource for Oregon but they need training and support.

The bills complement each other and are both vital to the future of Oregon.

The training element included in HB2387 will be invaluable for all of Oregon but especially for those regions of the state where distance is an issue.

The funding in HB2738 is critical to this program. We wish it were more. It is inconceivable that CASA's are forced to fundraise for so much of their support. I checked on the Polk County CASA website. They were selling Christmas trees this fall for fundraising and had to cancel their other two events due to COVID-19. I believe in the past they also sold poinsettia.

Oregon can and should do better for our volunteers who are so important to those children placed in foster care.

Please support both HB 2738 and HB 2387.

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