

Dear Committee,

My name is Lindsay Berschauer and I serve as a Yamhill County Commissioner. I am testifying today as an individual.

I urge you to SUPPORT House Bill 2333.

On February 11, 2021, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to support HB 2333. In general, we support greater oversight and accountability when it comes to the foster children in the State of Oregon's care.

Prescribing psychiatric drugs to children has always been a contentious issue. Without full behavioral, medical, and educational assessments done to determine proper diagnoses for care, many children have been prescribed or over-prescribed dangerous drugs without oversight. Oregon currently does not track children in foster care using one or more prescribed psychiatric drugs. This bill would require DHS to report how these drugs are being administered to foster children and provide transparency in the frequency of their use.

Please SUPPORT House Bill 2333.

Thank you,  
Commissioner Lindsay Berschauer  
Carlton, Oregon