

Submitter: Kelly Seaton

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

Measure: SB1591

Dear Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Robinson, and members of the committee, My name is Kelly Seaton and I am a single mother and college student living in Tillamook county. I am writing to you in support of SB 1591.

I have spent the last 2.5 years in Nehalem and have yet to learn of any childcare center or private daycare in the area. I have connected with many other local parents over the years and no one has been able to suggest childcare or point me in the direction of someone who might know. I have no family in the area that can help with care and I am unable to work and bring in any income besides my student loans. As an only parent to a toddler, this is both incredibly challenging and discouraging. I am working so hard to get an education, to be able to pursue a career and serve my community in a way that brings me joy and quality of life. I fear never being able to do so and also being stuck with hefty student loan bills that I will be paying on for the rest of my life.

We need better options. I am asking for more support with quality, affordable childcare and it can not happen soon enough. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. It is very important to me and I truly believe we can do better. Please vote yes on SB 1591.

Sincerely,
Kelly Seaton