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On Behalf Of:

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My Name is Carmen M. Lopez and I support SB548 because I care for all the children who are removed from their parents and need to enter the foster care system in Oregon. I am a community advocate who want this change because I have family who work at child welfare, and I know the daily struggles they had when removing a child and having to use plastic bags. I have also heard them talk about the benefits of having a new duffle bag available when they remove a child or a teenager. I heard several stories about how teenagers' self-esteem has improved when providing them a new duffle bag instead of a trash bag. Knowing that something so small, such a duffle bag, can make a big difference in a child's life motivates me to volunteer and advocate for children in foster care.

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