

Chair Meek, Vice Chair Boquist, members of the committee, my name is Chuck Riley, a private citizen representing only myself. During this presentation I may use the word we. By that I mean a group of like minded voters in Washington County who believe that children need to be in spaces where they are with a caring adult instead of alone at home or on the streets.

First though I want to tell you a little about SB 858

- 1) It has no fiscal,
- 2) It does not raise taxes,
- 3) It does allow voters to decide how their tax dollars are spent.**

It is **endorsed** by a wide range of organizations including

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Portland Metropolitan Area,
Centro Cultural de Washington County,
Domestic Violence Resource Center,
The League of Women Voters Oregon,

and individuals such as

The Superintendent of the Northwest Region ESD Dan Goldman,
former Director of the Washington County Juvenile Department Joe Christy,
former Washington County Commissioners Dick Schouten and Greg
Malinowski, and
former Metro President, and former Mayor of Hillsboro Tom Hughes.
for a more comprehensive list see the letter submitted by Katie Riley.

In a 2021 poll, 78% of voters in Washington county said they would vote for the measure if the taxing rate was 35 cents per 1000, which is what we will propose in Washington County if this bill is made law.

Finally, how would a Children's District be implemented.

A board of directors would be elected to determine what projects would be funded based among other criteria such as how many children **of need** would be served during the critical hours when parents are not available and the quality of the program.

Thank you, and I'm happy to answer any questions