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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure: HB2764

Esteemed Committee Members,

I encourage support for this bill, but I would also like to see the proposed task force given an assignment to explore how a program like Project Lifesaver, which reports it is used in a couple of Oregon communities - <https://projectlifesaver.org/about-us/where-we-are/> - can be expanded statewide.

We live in Gresham with our four children, ranging in age from 6 to 18 years. The youngest is on the autism spectrum and is at-risk of elopement (or wandering or "going on an adventure," which we remind him that he shouldn't do alone). Neurodivergent children like ours who wander have a higher than normal risk of being lost and endangered. It would be better overall yo have a good way of finding them quickly and reliably.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.