

Submitter: Chad Kernutt  
On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB517

Dear Lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt, I live in Albany and I am a husband and father of 3. I am a law abiding citizen and I have serious concerns about SB-517 that panders to violent predators and will absolutely lead to innocent people and children getting hurt in the future. Children/adolescents tend to do stupid things during their growing up process as we all know. But we're not talking about speeding in a car, getting in a fist fight, stealing a soda/candy bar from a store, or being a minor in possession of alcohol/marijuana. We're talking about opening the door for violent hardened criminals and yes they are predators that have showed that they are not normal and are capable of and highly prone and likely to commit unspeakable evils and harms towards others. If you have committed certain despicable crimes than you have no business and right to work in certain employment fields ever, especially in positions of public trust.

This bill prohibits a licensing board, commission, or agency from denying, suspending, or revoking occupational or professional licenses solely for those who were convicted of serious crimes as juveniles.

This bill would place an undue burden on professional and occupational licensing boards, commissions, or agencies to do their due diligence. A crime need not relate to what is being applied for but can still reflect in character actions.

The definition of "qualifying juvenile adjudication", includes serious crimes, such as Rape in the first degree (ORS 163.375), Sodomy in the first degree (ORS 163.405), Sexual abuse in the first degree (ORS 163.427) or even Murder in the first degree (ORS 163.107) and Murder in the second degree (ORS 163.115). These are serious crimes, and not appropriate to expand privileges while applying for an occupational or professional licenses.

The current law provides enough flexibility to licensing entities to properly vet their applicants and licensees. The Legislature established occupational licensing boards as it is in the State's interest to carefully screen and evaluate workforce in certain sensitive fields which deserve special trust and care in order to protect the consumer or client. This bill would dilute this obligation.

Lawmakers in the Democrat Party need to stop looking at criminals as the victims, hold criminals accountable for their actions, and uphold the cosequences for certain

actions and crimes, especially the most egregious. Please vote NO on SB-517.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Chad Kernutt  
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IN GOD WE TRUST