

FROM THE DESK OF  
The Honorable Peter Courtney

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Chair Gelser, Vice Chair Robinson, members of the committee,

I regret that I cannot be there in person with you, but I write in full support SB 1579 from Senator Knopp and thirty-three additional sponsors to date.

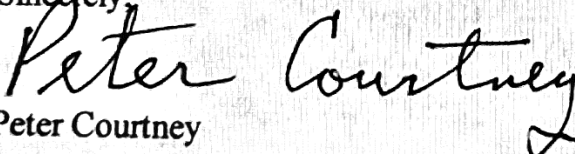
I have often said that the only thing wrong with kids is adults. They do not ask to be abused, mistreated, or neglected. They only seek love and protection. I know all of us are deeply saddened to know and hear of abuse of children anywhere and everywhere it occurs.

It is our job as the Oregon Legislature to protect the vulnerable everywhere we can. When we cannot, we must do everything in our power to provide support and healing.

Kids not only deserve more services, but they need them. I believe SB 1579 is a step in the right direction to providing for the kids of Oregon.

Thank you for taking this legislation seriously and I hope you will support it.

Sincerely,

  
Peter Courtney