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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 3059
Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3059

I OPPOSE [HB 3059].

[HB 3059] shows a good-hearted attempt at creating good Legislation but, you guessed it, [HB 3059] should be rejected and denied for just cause.

There is 'No' discussion of 'Long-term Funding and or Funding Source(s)' for [HB 3059].

From the TEXT of [HB 3059], "... SECTION 1... (2) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Education shall jointly study the mental, emotional, behavioral health and educational needs of youth who are in a residential facility and who attend a public school in this state for any grade from kindergarten through grade 12...

... SECTION 1... (3) The study conducted under this section must: (a) Identify gaps in funding that is intended to cover the costs of mandated programs or services for human services and for education and that is provided to human services agencies, school districts and education service districts for youth in residential facilities who attend public school;...

... (4) For the purpose of conducting the study under this section, the departments jointly must convene an advisory committee consisting of 13 members. The advisory committee must include:...***Who chooses the Members of the Advisory Committee?***

... (d) Identify best practices for providing educational and wraparound services and supports for youth in residential facilities who attend public school; and (e) Respond to other requests for information or questions identified by the departments or by the advisory committee established under subsection (4) of this section...

... (5) When conducting the study under this section: (a) The departments may enter into a contract with a public or private entity to conduct the study. (b) The departments, or the entity with which a contract is entered into to conduct the study, must consult with the advisory committee established under subsection (4) of this section..."

Non-profits and or Public Benefit Corporations? Competitive Contract Bidding?

***[HB 3059] is well meaning for providing the best care possible for the children it is being designed to serve, provide for and protect.

***[HB 3059] should be carried out by Universities and Colleges. The studies and information gathering, to produce analytical services reports; should be Graduate Level Thesis work and not funded by the taxpayers.

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***[HB 3059] does raise an unintended issue concerning The Department of Human Services and The Department of Education.

***There should be serious study to merge both Departments; to reduce costs, provide more cohesive and generous service levels, increased care to the affected children, more revenue to their caregivers and the public schools.

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "In the meantime, throw [HB 3059] on the burn pile."