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HB3839

As a long time Oregon resident and retired law enforcement officer I wanted to give my perspective on HB3839.

I believe the proposed legislative change has some inherent security and confidentiality risks.

There are 197 school districts, with about 1273 K through 12 schools in Oregon. This appears to allow school employees and affiliates to search the names of parents and guardians for any that may be listed as low level sex offenders. Whether inadvertent or purposeful, any release of this info to the public or other school staff or affiliated groups, could cause real harm to the these families and their children.

There currently is a strong vetting process in place for any school volunteer that wishes to help with school activities. And, Oregon State Police already by statute make level one and two information available to schools upon their request. There is no need to expand or allow probing of the full database.

Thank you for considering my input and concerns.