

Submitter: Oriana Horneck

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3835

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Drazen and Pham, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Oriana Horneck, and I am the parent of a child with significant disabilities who depends on Oregon's systems of care to live safely and with dignity. I am writing in strong opposition to House Bill 3835 because I believe it would remove critical safeguards for our most vulnerable children.

Children with disabilities are already disproportionately represented in the foster care system. Many families, like mine, live in a constant state of crisis trying to access appropriate supports. When the system fails to deliver services—such as in-home care, behavioral supports, or safe school environments—families are sometimes forced to consider relinquishing custody just to access care. HB 3835 moves Oregon further in the wrong direction by weakening the guardrails meant to protect these children.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 3835. We need more investment in community-based care, more trained staff, and more accountability—not fewer protections. Please stand with children who cannot speak for themselves and the families who fight every day to keep them safe.

Sincerely,  
Oriana Horneck  
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