Chair Bowman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Paisley, and I’m the parent of a child with complex disabilities. I’m writing in strong opposition to HB 3835 because this bill is dangerous for families like mine—and for the children you are sworn to protect.

When there are no school supports, no in-home services, no crisis response, and no access to appropriate behavioral care—what do families do? Too often, they are told to give up custody just to keep their child safe. HB 3835 would make that even easier for the state, while removing court oversight and silencing parents in the process.

This bill expands DHS’s authority to institutionalize and isolate children—often out of state—because the system refuses to invest in care where children belong: at home, with their families. It also undermines laws that protect our kids from restraint and seclusion, opening the door to trauma under the guise of treatment.

Children with disabilities are not burdens. They are human beings who deserve love, dignity, and safety. HB 3835 fails them at every level.

Please vote no on this bill. Do not make it easier to take our children. Make it easier to support them.

Sincerely,
Paisley Case
Redmond, Oregon