

To the House Committee on Rules:

My name is Eddie Plourde, and I am from Hillsboro. As a person with a disability, I oppose House Bill 3835. I don't think children should be restrained, and they should be free to do what they want to do. Restraining children can lead to child abuse that I wouldn't want anyone to go through. I want children to know that they can grow up in the foster system without abuse.

If I see anyone abusing a child, I would say something. I don't think a child should be abused in a daycare setting. They should be able to play and have fun. They could grow up and have PTSD, and they could be abusive to their own kids. Abuse at a young age has long impacts. They would have to go to counselors their entire lives.

I don't think kids should be held down on the ground, and this law means that will happen. They react when they are held on the ground because they do not want it and they want to hit back sometimes. I don't think children should be held on the ground, because they would be tormented and feel abused and have flashbacks if they were. They grow up and have flashbacks to when they were held on the ground as a child.

Holding kids on the ground is abuse even without physical injuries. I think holding any kid with intellectual or developmental disabilities down on the ground would be abusive. It would be abuse even without physical injuries because the kid doesn't understand what he is being held on the ground for. It makes him have PTSD and depression and all that.

I don't want child abuse in the state system. I want it to go away. I don't want day centers or foster homes to have abuse. Children need to be children, and they do not need to be abused.

I'm not in favor of the bill.