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SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of HB 4092

The Oregon Department of Justice writes in support of HB 4092 and its goals of increasing accountability for the sale of misleading car seats and making online marketplaces safer for Oregon's children and parents.

Recent years have shown an increase in unsafe and counterfeit car seats listed for sale online. Car seats sold in Oregon must comply with federal standards adopted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and must comply with Oregon Department of Transportation standards promulgated under ORS 815.055. However, third party sellers on online platforms list noncompliant car seats for sale with little to no transparency about safety standards. The standards exist for good reasons. In one test case commissioned by CNN, a "copycat" car seat purchased from an online retailer broke into pieces at only 30 mph.¹

HB 4092 will help solve this issue by requiring clear and conspicuous disclosures about whether listed car seats comply with the law. It will also empower families who are misled into purchasing a noncompliant car seat with an option to seek redress for their harm. While ORS 646.608 already contains provisions that cover certain instances of inappropriate disclosures, this bill creates an additional legal pathway that will help increase accountability and ensure that Oregon families are fully informed when making a purchase that could save their child's life.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie Wu".

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¹ O'Sullivan, D., & Griffin, D. (2019, December 20). Fake and dangerous kids products are turning up for sale on Amazon. CNN Business. <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/12/20/tech/amazon-fake-kids-products>