

Submitter: Cathy Rackham
Committee: House Committee on Behavioral Health
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB 4042
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I'm writing in opposition of HB 4042

Dear House committee on Behavioral Health

My name is Cathy Rackham. I live in Millersburg, OR which has an Albany address. I am a concerned Oregon citizen and a Linn County Republican PCP in precinct 76 in Linn County.

Why would anyone elect to house children alongside violent adults or in an unlicensed child-care agencies or in unqualified treatment programs? Yet that is what this HB4042 does. This is not acceptable! Our troubled children deserve better!

HB4042 also changes how child-care agencies are regulated in a way that does not protect the child. Instead of closing a facility that fails to protect its residents, it allows the Director to rescind the revocation if they decide concerns have been made tolerable. It also allows DHS to simply place conditions on a license instead of taking real action to prevent further abuse!

Please stop this unconscionable Bill! Vote No on this HB4042.

Thank you for your service to our great state of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Cathy B. Rackham