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TWENTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Representative Andy Olson
Oregon Legislature
Salem, Oregon

SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

Re: HB 3363 / Juvenile Dependency ("CASA bill") – Corrected / Review Hearing Issue

Dear Andy:

I am advised that the six month Review hearing requirement originally in HB3363 is being pursued for adoption. I also understand that some of the other onerous provisions have been taken out.

I am particularly concerned about the fiscal impact of requiring a Review hearing six months after removal in every case and in every situation. This is not realistic and in many cases will serve little or no purpose. In many cases there is nothing to be achieved at a permanency hearing that soon in the case.

I hope the Legislature will all courts to continue to exercise discretion here and set cases when they really need to be set. I add that CASA's and other parties always have the right to request a Review hearing at any time and in our county they have not made this request frequently.

Thank you for considering my thoughts and let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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