

March 19, 2013

Ramona Kenady
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol, 60-G
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Vote Explanation on HB 2433 A

Dear Madam Clerk,

If this bill does not change the basic rule that the Judge must determine the best interest of the child in custody and visitation cases, then it is fine. I voted "No" in the abundance of caution that it might do something else. It is my hope that the Senate consider the value of this change in the law against the possibility that it might confer special rights on a parent at the expense of the best interest of the child. The bottom line in custody or visitation cases must be the best interest of the child.

Sincerely,

Phil Barnhart
State Representative
Central Lane and Linn Counties