



February 12, 2013

ATTN: House Education Committee

Chair Gelser and members of the Committee,

On behalf of our 1,800 members in Oregon, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is proud to support HB 4134. As defined in our code of ethics, the primary mission of a social worker is to enhance human wellbeing and to ensure that basic human needs are provided to every member of our community, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty.

After reviewing the language encompassed in HB 4134, the NASW Legislative Committee has concluded that the bill takes important action to protect at-risk youth. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

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