

Dear Rules Committee:

I am a Child Protective Services Worker at Department of Human Services/Child Welfare Program. I am writing today in support of HB 3037 because I do not think my personal information such as; cell phone number, address, personal identification information, and my family's records and information should be available through the public records request process.

This issue is personally very important to me because of my own experience. Late in 2011 I removed a child due to child safety concerns as part of my job. Almost immediately this person started making threats against me and brought to our initial court hearing some pictures of my daughter, found on the internet. Approximately two weeks after removal I learned the parent had gone to my house and sat in my driveway trying to get my attention. This client called the Governor's Advocacy Office as well as her new caseworker and said she had bought my personal information for \$.99 on the internet and has been driving by my house and described one of the vehicles in my driveway. She also made threats of killing my daughter and myself. I received a phone call from this parent who told me she would kill my daughter so I could feel what its like to live without my child. This parent also told me she had marriage, birth, and address/phone numbers of my family. I took a day off work so I could file for a stalking order as I feared for my and my family's lives. I spoke to some attorney's who suggested I take counsel to court because it will be an actual hearing and stalking orders are hard to get. I asked one of my program managers is I could use the Department of Justice to help me in court. I was told, "No, what would public perception be if we used public funds in this way." I had to retain and pay for my own attorney in order to keep my family safe.

In 2012 the stalking order was violated by this parent. She called and left a message on my supervisor's phone saying, "Either you take care of her or I will." In 2013 I received a phone call from a person who presented as being the parent's ex-roommate. During my phone conversation this roommate described my daughter's appearance, explained this parent had spent all of her time searching things on the internet. I was also given my address and had my house described to me as well. The roommate also explained detailed plans by this person to "burn my house and shoot my daughter and myself as we run out."

In the past three years I have been constantly looking over my shoulder and get up in the middle of the night still to check on my daughter. I live in a small community 30 miles from Eugene and still feel today I can't let my 11 year old ride her bike out of my sight. It was very difficult to have a conversation with my, then 8 year old, daughter about this person who is wanting to hurt the family. My daughter drew pictures of the person being dead and she told me this would help save our family.

In the past I have been very diligent about not making online purchases and checking websites to have my personal information removed. I have a post office box for my mail so my physical address wasn't on my mail. Other of my co-workers have taken steps such as using the office as their physical address on their driver's license as well as having mail delivered to the office.

Thank you for listening to my story.

Sincerely,  
Twyla Pew