

The Autism Society of Oregon Urges a Yes Vote on SB 488

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) manifests in many ways. Auditory hyper-sensitivity is a common issue for many of those on the Autism Spectrum. Loud noises of any type can cause affected individuals both physical pain and anxiety. For many individuals on the Autism Spectrum, the impact of loud sounds can be moderated by using noise canceling headphones but these are not very helpful with regard to hand dryers.

Hand dryers are so loud, so random, and ever-present that even with ear protection, the impact of a hand dryer being turned on can be overwhelming. Due to their auditory sensitivity, many of those on the Autism Spectrum look at the prospect of encountering a hand dryer with such dread that they will absolutely refuse to use a public restroom.

SB 488 provides a venue where eventually the auditory effect of hand dryers can be brought to a level where their impact can be managed.

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