

## Please support HB 3391

I am a Child Protective Services Worker at Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Program. 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 the parent started making threats against me.

Approximately two weeks after the child was removed I learned the parent had gone to my house and sat in my driveway trying to get my attention. I received a phone call from this person who told me she would kill my daughter so I could feel what it's like to live without my child. This parent also told me she had marriage, birth, and the address and phone numbers of my family. I had to take a day off work so I could file for a stalking order as I feared for my and my family's lives.

I had to retain and pay for my own attorney in order to keep my family safe. Luckily I had just gotten my tax refund back so I had the over \$500 to pay. I also had to use my own time to gather information and go to court. The stalking order was granted, but it was little comfort.

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 the past three years I have been constantly looking over my shoulder and still 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.

HB 3391 is a good step in the right direction providing child welfare workers the support they need at a time when they are the most vulnerable. Thank you for taking the time to read my story.

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