

Re: **Support SB470**

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Dear Oregon State Legislature,

Please support senate bill 470 when brought to a vote. Our communities and kids need quality personal childcare options. Our community members with special needs children are particularly in need of specialized options with low child to provider ratios allowing for the attentive and personalized care these kids require to flourish. In today's market parents are often forced to choose between a commercial facility where the child to provider ratios are often higher than desired and the volume of children puts them all at higher risk of communicable illness or in home providers on the outskirts of town or in older less desirable parts of the community. Some of these are great facilities but we also have many wonderful willing providers that are being prevented from operating inside their upper-class communities due to overzealous HOA boards citing overreaching and disparately applied rules. The power wielded by some HOA boards can be unchecked and personally biased. The rulings of HOA boards may also change as board members change. Fluctuating interpretations and inconsistent applications of these rules can negatively impact personal rights, employment opportunities, and child care availability.

Due to the above issues I urge you to support SB470. Help to create consistent language that speaks to a citizen's right to do what they lawful are entitles to in their own home. No HOA should be able to restrict your rights inside your home. I see it as generally acceptable to have some community standards in regards to the outside appearance of a home if homeowners agree, but HOAs should not be able to restrict private lawful activities inside the home. This impacts the personal rights of the homeowner and specifically in the case of in home childcare it restricts the pool of available options, hitting special needs children and their parents disproportionately. Supporting SB470 will correct this and also expands the breadth of providers of Oregon's early childhood development programs, creates jobs, supports women, and allows for quality assurance programs like SPARK/QRIS.

Thank You,

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