

Chair Barker and Committee Members,

I am writing to support HB 2992. Current Oregon law does not require a school district to do background checks on volunteers. Our schools would add to the safety and security of students by mandating this extra step.

Volunteers in schools should be vetted. That extra measure will go a long way in keeping our children safe. Knowing there will be a background check will weed out those who would harm our most vulnerable.

Every student deserves to feel safe from potential threats against their well-being.

Please support HB 2992, it's a common sense layer of protection we should put in place.

Sincerely,

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