

SAVE THE BABIES!!

I'm writing to ask your support for SB 808. This bill ensures that all babies born in Oregon will be tested for the life threatening conditions on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) put out by the US Department of Health.

The bill also sets up a Newborn Screening Committee to help make recommendations on improvements Oregon can make to our screening process. These improvements might include testing for some Secondary conditions and keeping the testing lab open on the weekend to make sure babies born on the weekend get their tests done more quickly.

This bill will save the lives of our precious babies. Please support SB 808.

A personal note, my grandson was born with unrecognized Panhypopituitarism. It could've easily been detected with a simple test. It is a condition my own daughter has so when I recognized the symptoms & told the nurse I was disappointed no one looked into it further. Two months later my grandson went into adrenal crisis as a result of cortisol deficiency. It was at that point when the hospital asked me to share my daughter's medical info with them to figure out my grandson's condition.

It was a costly, financially & emotionally, situation that could've been avoided.

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