

Dear Committee:

My name is Lesli Takasugi and I am a mother of an 8 year-old who experiences Down syndrome. We live in Eugene, Oregon and advocate for the rights of all individuals who experience special needs. I am writing today to ask that Legislative Concept 52 be passed into law this Special Session so that Oregonians experiencing a disability can access healthcare, receive support from people they trust while they are hospitalised, and have support when making end-of-life decisions.

Even though our daughter is still young, we look to the future for those times when we are no longer here to care for her, nor advocate for her needs and rights. That future can be terrifying for a parent like myself. Receiving equal medical care and attention in the event of hospitalisation is an important concern for us as parents who will not always be there to protect the well-being of our children. Legislative Concept 52 will insure that they receive the necessary support while in the hospital and that they are not passed over due to their disability and/or inability to make the best decisions for themselves. Thank you for considering this very special issue.

Respectfully,  
Lesli Takasugi  
Jeffrey L. Davis