

Hello my name is Ava Adams and I would like to submit my testimony for the HR meeting regarding SB 526.

I am not opposed to the idea of home visits for newborn parents but I believe they should be entirely voluntary and something a parent-to-be consents to at the hospital prior to delivery, with full information as to what will be discussed at the visit. No one has the right to enter a person's home without their permission, this is in the Constitution of the United States, and if police officers have to follow it, so do medical personnel. I believe this bill as it is crosses the line between promoting public health and enforcing fascism and the revoking of individuals liberties. If the state is truly concerned with the lack of parents taking their children to well child visits after birth, they should do something about poverty, which is a proven root of the issue. Much like with mandatory attendance laws for public schools, all this bill will do is penalize and subjugate the poor and people of color, and will very likely not result in an increase to the already high immunization rate in the state of Oregon, which according to emails I have received from the Oregon Health Authority, are well over 94%. In short, this bill is unnecessary and infringes on Constitutional rights. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

~Ava Adams