

RE: HB 2033

Monday, February 04, 2019

Chair Keny-Guyer and fellow committee members,

My name is Laura Hallett and I am a Portlander, Oregonian and most importantly a Grandparent and former relative foster parent.

I ask that you **do not support HB 2033.**

Removing the Educational needs of a person who investigates child abuse is not in the best interest of the children of Oregon. Nor is it in the best interest of the State of Oregon.

While I can only guess why the Governor would want to lower the standards, I can foresee that many more children will be taken into care needlessly thus causing the foster home shortage to be greater than it already is and/or leaving children in harm's way.

Lowering the standard will ultimately cost more financially to the State and Mentally to the children involved in such cases.

If there were to be a change in ORS 419B.021 it should be to require a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher education majoring in social work, mental health or Criminal Justice.

Thank you and please DO NOT SUPPORT HB 2003



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