

Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,
I am a retired Oregon DHS, Child Welfare employee. In my 40 plus years as a Caseworker, Supervisor, and Branch Manager, I developed a great respect for the Juvenile Courts and the Judges who served there. The Judges demonstrated a deep understanding of youth and families. SB 969 puts the power to decide whether or not a young person should be tried as a youth or as an adult back in the hands of these Judges. I feel the the Juvenile Ct, Judges have developed an expertise in youth behavior and rehabilitation and are the right people to make these most critical decisions.

Sincerely,

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