

Chair Williamson, Vice Chairs Gorsek and Sprenger, and Members of the Committee,

As a longtime resident of Jackson County, where I raised my daughter, I am writing in support of HB2657-2.

Sexual abuse, harassment, and violence are a problem in our state and in my community. As a man who wants to be part of the solution, I am speaking out because we must invest in youth to shift our culture and end violence.

My community is served by Community Works and Jackson County SART. They are well respected resources in my community, however are limited by the lack of resources they receive whereby they are constantly responding to crisis and don't have the funds to support prevention.

I urge your support of HB2657-2 and thank you for the opportunity to speak out.

Sincerely,

Curtis Smolen
Resident, Medford