

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

I am writing in support of HB2657-2.

I am a resident of Creswell, Oregon in Lane County where I have raised my family, the oldest a freshman in college and the youngest in middle school.

As someone who has supported my kids who have, on numerous occasions, come to my husband and I with complex situations that they were confronted with in school and in our community, I believe that we must invest in education that gives them the tools they need to effectively and actively support their healthy and well-being.

I want my community to thrive and demonstrate civility, emotional intelligence, and understand consent and what it means to have a healthy and respectful relationship...not just with their boyfriends and girlfriends, but in all of their relationships.

I believe that the spirit of HB2657-2 will do just that. It will support programs, like Womenspace and SASS in Eugene, to connect with kids and adults to teach behaviors and attitudes that support safer and more respectful communities.

Please invest in violence prevention. Support HB2657-2.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tammy Farmer-Ellis

Resident, Creswell

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