

To: House Committee on Rules

From: Shalene Fenton

Re: Opposition to HB 2876-1 (Coordinated Comprehensive School Counseling Program)

I am writing today in opposition to House Bill 2876-1. I oppose HB 2876 out of an abundance of concern that a comprehensive School Counseling program, by this proposal, could potentially be delivered by a school social worker rather than a licensed school counselor. Though I believe it is critical for licensed school counselors to coordinate services that may include those provided by a social worker, the rigorous training school counseling students receive leave them uniquely and solely qualified to design a comprehensive school counseling program.

As an Oregon resident, constituent and school counselor candidate, I urge you to oppose HB 2876-1.

Sincerely,

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Best,

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