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House committee on Rules:

My name is John Lucente. I've been a high school counselor at Oregon City high school for 14 years. I am writing in opposition to bill 2876-1. I oppose this bill for numerous reasons.

High schools are training grounds for the future. A well rounded student can deal with problems as they come, can think outside the box, is a team player, has empathy for others. All these traits and qualities can be developed by a well trained counselor.

We as counselors deal with the total individual individual, social, academic, and career orientation. We teach organization, study skills, the importance of a good education. How to get to the next steps successfully in life. Communication skills, advocacy, problem solving and much more. We deal with situations in a proactive manner.

We know what it takes to be successful in the classroom and thus how to become a productive citizen in the future. I've been a teacher for 30 years and now a counselor. I can relate to what happens in the classroom and how to navigate things.

Thanks,

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