

To: Honorable Representative Doherty and Educational members

Title: Chair, House Committee on Education

Re: Support for House Bill 4140

Dear Representative Doherty and the other members of House Committee on Education

My name is Fern Wilgus. I'm quite active as an advocate brain injury communities in the Portland, metro area supporting brain injury survivors of all ages.

Speaking for myself and sharing the thoughts of many other brain injury survivors and/or their family members, it is vital that House Bill 4140 is approved as submitted. Why, because given the right circumstances, opportunities and the right stroke of luck many brain injured youth will be able to lead "normal" lives. As I'm sure you already know, having a brain injury does not mean (for many)) people that they can't become productive and live full lives after their injury. But, it is imperative that applicable modified educational tools are offered for the students future.....

I appreciate your taking t he time to read my message and taking my thoughts into consideration as you all proceed in passing HB 4140.

Sincerely,

Fern Wilgus  
brain injury survivor,  
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