

Ezra's law

Good afternoon, Chair Sanchez and committee members. My name is Nicole Kraus and I live here in Salem, Oregon. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you today.

I am here to urge you to vote yes on HB 4122.

It just makes sense.

As Representative Bonham has proven with his sponsoring of this important bill, it makes sense to protect our children from those who cause permanent physical harm.

To be perfectly clear what this bill is about, I'm not asking you to support an extreme and radical change to OR 161.005. I'm simply asking you to add time to those who PERMANENTLY destroy the lives of their victims.

This is not a grab for revenge or painful retribution from a hurting family member.

This is a logical addition, a safety net, for those most affected by horrible crimes.

I've witnessed the pain and suffering of my friend Tina, the grandmother who brings this law to your desk. It's unbelievable that her precious grandbaby may be living in a bed his ENTIRE life due to permanent physical injury.

His abuser will simply walk out the door with his current sentence.

HB 4122 makes sense. Please vote yes and protect our children from dangerous offenders. Thank you.