

I, Kayce Rasch, submit this written testimony in support of HB 2959. I think the interests and approval of a child who is at least 14 years or older should be considered and necessary when it comes to a parenting plan. Usually speaking, a 14 year old has the ability and capacity to at least express their wishes as to a parenting plan and should be given a say in that process. Too many times, the interests of the child are ignored and not taking into consideration by the court or evaluators which is not the case in other jurisdictions such as California. By age 14, a child is usually in high school, has sports, and other extra-curricular activities and other interest in their life that should be considered as it relates to a parenting plan. This proposed amendment to ORS 107.101 and ORS 107.102 and a step forward in given a child consideration and a say in their upbringing and I fully support it.

Thank you,

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