

I Tyson Stuber Assistant Director to the NW Carpenters Union support SB409. As a partner in our communities promoting apprenticeship and life long training I find it hard to fathom those that would oppose this bill. I fully support this bill as a professional and parent. There should be no loopholes in our laws that would allow a learning institution to simply discard or fail to report an incident that puts our children's safety in jeopardy. We as educators, professionals, parents, and members of our communities have a moral obligation to protect our citizens (especially children) who are so precious and vulnerable. To fall short of this obligation is criminal! We absolutely need to hold our schools, educators, and students accountable for their actions. Not reporting or covering up the defined offences in this bill is criminal and should be punishable under the law. Clearly we have a hole in our system that needs to be corrected. I believe this bill is a good start and we should not stop here. Sexual Assault, Bullying, and Gross Misconduct that hinders a Child's ability to have a safe learning environment is something that we should consistently strive to improve. Please prove to all those involved with this bill that we do care, we will do something about it, and it starts today!

Thank you for your consideration to this very important matter.