

I'm writing in support of SB 700.

My brain injury happened 11 years ago. While riding my bike (with my helmet on), I did not see a branch, I hit the branch, slipped and hit my head and broke my left rib and punctured my left lung and so I stopped breathing, then started again. It took 4 hours to get to the Life Flight and had to have surgery to relieve the pressure on my brain. It took the doctors weeks to save my life. I had to be put in a coma for 3 weeks.

I got the help I needed when I got out of the hospital--from OT (occupational therapy) and SLP (speech-language pathology). They helped me think about my future. I now volunteer.

Why I think this bill is important is because people with brain injury should get the help I received and to connect with other people with brain injury and to focus on what the brain can do. It's complicated.

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