



April 27, 2021

Oregon House General Government Committee

Dear Chair Wilde, Vice Chairs Leif and Lively, and Representatives Valderama and Zika,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) of Washington County and surrounding areas, I am writing to express DVRC's strong support for SB 299 Children's Service Districts. I truly believe that adding children's services to the options for establishing special districts is long overdue. This bill will allow for true citizen support for children's programs that are chronically underfunded, yet greatly needed. If citizens wish to tax themselves to support these programs, they should be able to do so.

The Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) is a non-profit agency that for 46 years has been providing free and confidential support services to adults & children throughout Washington County and surrounding areas who self-identify as a survivor of intimate partner domestic violence.

There are no costs associated with this bill and it will require an approval vote before there would be any costs. The bill only allows citizens to collect signatures to place an initiative on a ballot. Any initiative will have to specify the location, cost, and services to be covered, and will then allow voters to make their own decision.

Again, on behalf of the Domestic Violence Resource Center, I humbly ask you to support this bill with a positive vote both in your committee and on the floor of the House.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (contact information below)

Peace...

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