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As an educator for the last 27 years, I have seen the impact of abuse and neglect on children in my community. The Siuslaw School District has worked with the Center for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect at the University of Oregon in the past as a means of giving children another avenue to reach out for help and make known how far abuse and neglect truly reaches out into our communities. The knowledge of the breadth of this trauma is one facet of bringing it to a halt and to stopping the related cycles of depression, as well as other negative future health impacts. House Bill 4111 is another important step in stopping the neglect and abuse that short circuits the futures of too many youth in our communities today. The societal impacts of abuse and neglect compound year after year, and generation after generation. Your support this bill will be one more piece of the puzzle in supporting children to leading happier, healthier lives, free from abuse and neglect and rooting out this pervasive cancer from our society.