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I support SB 548 because I believe that a system that is intended to protect and care for children can also have protocols in place that add even the slightest degree of warmth in one of the most heartbreaking and scary moments in that child's life. Offering a bag for a child to use in place of a garbage bag seems like a small gesture but it's a way to show that they are still cared for by someone and that someone is thinking of their experience in that moment. Expecting them to use a trash bag for their personal belongings is a way of confirming or creating a sense of self worth that says they are worth less than everyone else. The hidden message says they do not belong anywhere or with anyone. Choosing to continue allowing this as a practice says that we are choosing something that might be easier for the people in charge of implementing a change over the well being of the child being effected. That is not acceptable.