

Submitter: Michael Quillin  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services  
Measure: SB548

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services:

I am writing in support of SB548. This bill will provide children in foster care with luggage that will be used to hold their personal belongings. The cost of the proposed legislation will be minimal but its impact on the lives of children in foster care will be immeasurable. Rather than carrying the few items that belong to them in plastic trash bags, children in foster care will be given a "place," however small, that they can call their own. For children who have experienced the trauma of removal, not to mention the trauma they experienced before removal, it is the very least that our state can do. I encourage you to send a clear message to foster children in Oregon that they are not disposable and that the citizens of Oregon do care for their well-being by supporting this bill. Thank you for all that you do to improve the lives of our children.

Respectfully,

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