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As a former foster parent, and current program manager serving foster youth at the nonprofit Project Lemonade, I am appalled by the practice of transporting children's clothing and personal items in trash bags. There are enough trauma-inducing events in foster care, we must work to reduce the stigma and shame that trash bags cause our youth in care. I fully support this bill and hope Oregon legislators will do the right thing in affirming the worth and value of ALL Oregonian children. Let's send the message that children are precious, valued, and cared for, always, especially by the state. I urge the senate to pass Senate Bill 548 and direct ODHS and CPS to provide appropriate luggage for all youth in transition while engaging with DHS in the foster care system.