

We are writing you as Parents, Grandparents, Family members, Individuals and Friends to encourage your support with compassion toward the establishing of licensing for the Outdoor Preschool Bill.

This bill has much support throughout various counties of our state. I myself have grown up in this beautiful state and have had many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and all of it's natural beauty. Each season brings its own wonders and make Oregon a paradise for All.

Supporting the Outdoor Preschool programs brings all of its own perspective for our children for learning without a conventional classroom or walls. Supporting this program gives our children the opportunity to experience the independence of learning to interact with diversity, economical and ethnic backgrounds with NO judgement..... Being out there in a natural environment gives each child the independence to see, feel, smell, hear the reality of their surroundings which heightens and makes them more aware. As a result students learn faster, understand better and retain much more information and are better at communicating in a social environment without WALLS!!!!

Along with this program I feel whether they are in their own backyard, a creek, a park, the forest with their families in the mountains they have a sense of ownership that makes them stronger, healthier mentally and physically and more educated of their surroundings along with many lifelong benefits.

I know as a young child in school I looked forward to going on outdoor field trips and how much I enjoyed the outdoors and learning in many different surrounding . Being out in the outdoors gave me a more willingness to learn and discover and investigate at my own pace.

Please look deep in to your hearts, souls and minds with compassion for these children that are sponges to learn, discover and take on the world!!!!!!

Kind regards
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