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On Behalf Of: Freckled Fawn Nature School
Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services
Measure: HB2717

Dear Early Childhood and Human Services Committee:

My name is Wendy Texeira, I am a parent of a 4 year old girl who currently attends Freckled Fawn Nature School in Jacksonville, Oregon.

I am writing you today in support of House Bill 2717 to establish an Outdoor Preschool Bill. I just would like to personally explain as to why I believe Outdoor School has effected our lives. This is the second year my daughter has attended this school in which she did not start at the beginning of this year due to family health issues and we were unable to afford her attendance. Within the time my daughter was out of school there was a significant change in her behavior, social growth and confidence. After speaking with Melissa and Ben Moore they agreed to take her in and work with us for the financial aspect of things in which we were beyond grateful for. If this bill was passed there would be greater opportunities for families like ours that would be able to get their children in these schools and not worry that their children can't go because they can't afford it. My daughter has learned so much at the age of 4 when I pick her up and she tells me about her day and the things she has learned it puts a smile on my face at how happy she is to tell me all about all the different things they learned in the forest. This program deserves to be just as any other school program if not given more as these teachers and children explore with their minds in nature and children are free to express themselves while learning. This has become more than just teachers and parents we have become a small family. I wish I had something like this when I was a child, wouldn't you?

Thank you for your time
Wendy Texeira (Parent)
Freckled Fawn Nature School