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On Behalf Of: Self Enhancement Inc  
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services  
Measure: SB1521

Dear Chair Sara Gelser, and esteemed Committee Members

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Tony Hopson, I am the CEO OF Self-Enhancement Inc., a youth mentoring organization that serve Black and Brown families in Portland.

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB 1521 until we get more information. I believe this bill fails to consider the significant impacts and relevance of our organization's work. We were put on list of organizations that would fall under this bill.

While I appreciate the need to address important issues related to human services, it is essential to ensure that legislation accurately reflects the scope and intent of its application.

After thoroughly examining SB 1521, I find no clear indication that my youth organization falls under the purview of this proposed bill. The lack of clarity surrounding its applicability creates confusion and potential hindrances for organizations such as ours that focus on helping underrepresented kids graduate from high school and college.

Furthermore, I believe that it is of the utmost importance to engage in meaningful consultations with stakeholders representing diverse sectors before proposing legislation that may impact them. In this case, it appears that the voices and insights of organizations like ours have been overlooked, contributing to the uncertainty and lack of clarity surrounding SB 1521.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am hopeful that you will take these concerns into account as you evaluate the potential impact of SB 1521. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (503) 249-1721.

Sincerely,

Tony Hopson, CEO  
Self Enhancement Inc.