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This bill provides for immunities of vaguely-defined "children's advocacy centers" if they report abuse resulting in the state taking action to break up families and take away children from parents.

The problem with this is in family law there are very real bad actors and there is a severe lack of due process. People who work in the childcare space live in a bubble, and far too often so-called "experts," including those who work in CPS and Human Services confuse poverty with neglect. This confusion skews racial - white and affluent "child advocates" look down on black and brown families and lifestyles. The result is actual cases of poverty are converted into unjust child-takings. Oregon already lacks sufficient due process for families victimized by the corrupt OHA/DHCS to seek redress, and this bill predicates yet more injustice.

The ability to seek civil redress for unfair or unscrupulous reporting by delusional "child advocates" must be retained.