



Testimony in Support of SB 548 Ending Child Marriage
Presented to Oregon House Judiciary Committee | May 7, 2025

Chair Kropf, and Distinguished Committee Members:

I'm Helen Garber representing Zonta International District 8. I am speaking strongly in support of the non-partisan SB 548 to END CHILD MARRIAGE.

Zonta International is a global organization that builds a better world for women and girls through service and advocacy with clubs in 64 countries.

Zonta District 8 has clubs in Oregon, Washinton, Idaho, Montana, Alaska and British Columbia. Oregon clubs are in Grants Pass, Coos Bay, Roseburg, and Corvallis.

Since 2014, Zonta International has contributed over \$8 million on international projects to end child marriage.

However, forced child marriage is an issue right here in the US and in Oregon.

Last year, Zonta District 8 worked with Unchained at Last to successfully pass a bill in Washington state to end child marriage.

I live in Portland, Representative District 28 and thank Representative Dacia Grayber for her support.

I URGE YOU TO PASS SB 548. Age 18, NO EXCEPTIONS! Thank You!