



DISABILITY RIGHTS OREGON

February 8, 2013

TO: Jeff Barker, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

FR: Bob Joondeph
DRO Executive Director

RE: HB 2433

Disability Rights Oregon strongly supports passage of ~~SB~~ 2433. Its purpose is to assure that child custody and visitation decisions are not tainted by disability discrimination.

The "Findings" section of the 2008 Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act states:

In enacting the ADA, Congress recognized that physical and mental disabilities in no way diminish a person's right to fully participate in all aspects of society, but that people with physical or mental disabilities are frequently precluded from doing so because of prejudice, antiquated attitudes, or the failure to remove societal and institutional barriers.

~~SB~~ 2433 will make it clear in Oregon law that a parent's disability, in and of itself, is not a proper factor to weigh in determining child custody and visitation rulings.