



COALITION OF ADVOCATES
FOR EQUAL ACCESS
FOR GIRLS

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Our mission
is to ensure
that girls
receive equal
access to all
of the
appropriate
Gender-
specific
support and
services they
need to help
them
develop to
their full
potential.

To: House Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Pam Patton, Coalition of Advocates for Equal Access for Girls

Re: Support of House Bill 2889, Foster Youth Savings Accounts

On behalf of the Coalition of Advocates for Equal Access for Girls it is our pleasure to support the Oregon Foster Youth Connection with the promotion for the passage of House Bill 2889. The Coalition as an all-volunteer advocacy organization that has been a voice for system involved girls and young women since 1993, also believes that the 8,000 girls and boys in Oregon's foster care system deserve the opportunity to grow into productive adults. HB 2889 is one more step in assisting these children and youth to do exactly that. The Foster Youth Savings Accounts bill will encourage foster children from a younger age (12 years old) to understand the value of saving money, allow them to open a bank account, help them transition to independence, plus develop money management and budgeting skills.

We urge you to pass House Bill 2889.

Thank you,

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