

**PLEASE OPPOSE BILL:  
SB 41 Health – Mental and Emotional Disorders –  
Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)**

January 29, 2021

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I appreciate the intent behind this bill. We should certainly work to make sure everyone who needs mental health services receives them. However, allowing children as young as 12 years old to consent to services without the support and knowledge of their parents is *not* a solution to this problem. Young children are simply not able to safely make medical decisions without their parents or guardians. I urge you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

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