

I support SB 972. This is my belief, and belief of our society that ALL children have a RIGHT to their own BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

This includes all adoptees from the USA.

Your state is overdue in keeping up with 'ethics' surrounding adoption. Research and two famous adoption therapists proved that no matter what the story about one's birth family, it is better in life to grow up and know the 'truth'. One can deal with the 'truth' and learn how to live with the truth than with 'adoption lies'. Lies proved to do more damage for the adoptee than previous thought.

from: Betty J. Lifton: Journey of the Adopted Self.....Nancy Verrier Primal Wound

I am speaking from the state of Oregon. Oregon opened adoption records to adoptees at age 18 in 1998. The sky did not fall.

In 2014 we opened up adoption records/files to all members of the adoption triad: birthparents, adoptees, and adoptive parents. This includes siblings, birth grandparents, birth grandchildren. We are the leading state in understanding there is absolutely no reason to have closed adoption records.

What does your state want to hide? the truth? the real facts? Are you aware that 'amended birth certificates are also lies in themselves? Usually they post the incorrect birthdate, misspell the names, and post incorrect county/state of birth.

The black market of adoption is wide open to continue if your state and others keep the 'old way system'. (too many loopholes)

I am a birthmother due to rape. I have learned to separate the rape action from giving birth. I felt the 9 months of pregnancy and of course wanted to know my child. I thank God he was able to find me in 1991 and we have a relationship today.

Oregon studied all adoption legal papers and found not one state had any legal backing of 'promising secrecy to a woman'. It was a lie, a misrepresentation so the woman would sign documents.

Also today, there is really no legal document binding any adoptive parent to honor an 'open adoption'.

This is another birthparent/adoptee 'right' that needs to be legalized.

Your state representatives know that Alaska and Kansas NEVER closed any adoption and EVERYTHING IS OPEN.?

So, what is there to be afraid of? Want to live with continuing more lies? Want to continue to hide the truth and let black market adoptions thrive? To continue to have adoptees upset, not know their medical history or where they came from?

We know your state wants to support ethics in adoption. This is one step.

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