

Consumer Support for Oregon House Bill 3122

The following is respectfully submitted to be included in the Public Record as supplemental Public Comment to hearings held in March 2019 re HB 3122

March 15, 2019

The Oregon Legislature, House of Representatives
Committee of Human Services and Housing
Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer, Chair
900 Court St. NE Room H-272
Salem OR 97301

Honorable Chair Kenny-Guyer and Committee Members:

As a person who experiences a disability and many barriers to living independently in the community, I am helped every day as a result of working with my peer counselor at Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living.

Without assistance from EOCIL to get community supports, to learn new skills and enhance my independence, I would be

in debt up to my ears; would not have my medications that I need; would not have my chair; or other health aids; no roof over my head; no support system.

There are more than 600,000+ people with disabilities in Oregon and we all can benefit from independent living services offered at Oregon CILs. Please support passage of House Bill 3122 that would require the Department of Human Services and Governor to plan for the needs of Oregon's Independent Living Program and Oregonians with disabilities the program serves.

PLEASE SUPPORT & CHAMPION HB 3122!

Respectfully Submitted,

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