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To: Chair Power and Members of the House Committee on Early Childhood

From: Emilie Wylde Turner on behalf of the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition

RE: Support for HB 4032- Informational resources relevant to children with disabilities

Chair Power and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition (DD Coalition) is a group of more than 40 organizations and individuals across Oregon that come together to advocate for the services to further the values outlined in ORS 427.007: to support people with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) to exercise self-determination, living and working in the most integrated community settings, and providing services for families to raise their children at home. Our members represent advocacy groups (including self-advocacy organizations), family peer supports, DD residential providers, DD supported employment providers, and Support Services Brokerages.

We believe that Oregon families raising children with disabilities need access to information that is relevant, timely and in their spoken language. We support HB 4032 and the access to necessary information and relevant resources for families of children with disabilities. Information is key to access. Having access to resources early in a family's journey both offers support at a critical time and can set a child with disabilities on a trajectory for a full life of playing, living and working in their community.

The Oregon DD Coalition respectfully asks that you pass HB 4032 and provide Oregon families raising children with disabilities access to informational resources that they need.