

February 3, 2022

Chair Gelser Blouin and Members of the Committee:

My name is Eddie Plourde. I am a self-advocate from Beaverton. I support SR 201 honoring Kathryn Weit and offer this testimony to explain why Kathryn deserves this honor.

Kathryn was a strong advocate. She was very positive, and it was nice working with her. It was a privilege seeing her work. She was informed to do this work because of her son Colin.

I was on the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities when she was a Policy Analyst. She then became the Interim Director of the Council when the previous Executive Director Bill Lynch left. In her roles, she organized events and was powerful.

Kathryn did a lot for people with disabilities. I am honored to have known her. She needs to be recognized for all the work she did in the disability field.

It is very positive that you are honoring her with a Senate Resolution so that we can always remember her and her legacy. She leaves us with what we learned from all of her amazing advocacy for her son and the rest of us in the disability field.

Thank you for your time and for honoring Kathryn Weit.

Sincerely,

Eddie Plourde