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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

Measure: SB1591

Dear Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Robinson, and members of the committee,
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1591. My name is Karli Kotenko, I live in Nehalem and I am a parent of a 1st and 3rd grader.

My child care struggle on the North Coast is with my kids going to the North Coast Recreation District (NCRD) for their playcare. NCRD has had a staffing shortage for their child care program for a long time. Due to limits on how many kids they can have because of staff shortages, my children are only able to go every other Monday-Thursday and every other Friday. Because of these limitations, I have had to shorten my work hours to be able to be off work after school to pick up my kids every other week when they can't go to NCRD. It's helpful to us to have any child care at all, but we desperately need more options and more child care workers to meet the needs of families in our community. Please support SB 1591.

Sincerely,
Karli Kotenko