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I am writing in support of this legislation as it will enable individuals with disabilities to become gainfully employed and still receive their medical benefits through the state of Oregon. Currently Oregonians with disabilities have to choose between receiving medical benefits or employment.

There should be no income restrictions for people with disabilities in Oregon to improve the quality of their lives and also benefit the state with their tax dollars. The medical benefits that they currently are receiving while they're not working is a disincentive and has harmful effects far beyond the economic value.

I strongly encourage you to support this important legislation that benefits all Oregonians with disabilities as well as the state of Oregon as it will allow it to be more inclusive, ensure parity with other Oregonians and improve the economy of Oregon for the future.