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Testimony in support of HB 2457

My name is Ian Dudley, I am the Community Inclusion and Supported Living/In-Home Care Program Manager for Central Oregon Collective. Central Oregon Collective is a not-for-profit organization that supports about 30 Oregon citizens with disabilities and 50 staff in Deschutes County.

These Direct Support Professional staff are essential to assisting the individuals that our organization serves with their activities of daily living, meeting their healthcare needs, accessing their communities, and advocating for their needs and rights.

I am writing in support of HB 2457. This bill would ensure that our staff would make 150% of minimum wage, as well as covers the increase cost from the Paid Leave Oregon Payroll Expense.

Please vote yes on HB 2457. Our staff and the people they support are counting on your support!