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Being a person with a disability is challenging enough. I would like to be able to work without fear of losing my medicaid and Medicare, regardless of how much I make or work. The ADA has been around now for 33 years, it is high time that people with disabilities be given the same opportunity to work and keep there health benefits without being forced to choose. I know specifically for me, my medicaid/Medicare covers the costs of my mobility equipment, as well as the usual clinical visits to my doctor when needed. I ask state officials or whoever is in charge to please pass this bill to make the lives of Oregonians with disabilities like myself less stressful. Our lives, health (both physical as well as mental) depend on it. My hope and my prayer is that this won't just be for Oregon, but for all States. We can, and do want to be contributing members of society. Please do your part in getting this bill passed.