

Submitter: Sarah Reed

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure: SB91

February 6, 2023

Re: SB91

Oregon Senate Human Services Committee,

Hello and thank you for your time. My name is Sarah Reed and my son receives In-Home services through the DD office. The paid parent caregiver program which was authorized during the Public Health Emergency has been life changing for my son and has produced increased outcomes for him. I am in support of Bill 91 and I ask you to vote to authorize this program long term.

I think it's important to point out that this bill is giving children the CHOICE of who they want as their caregiver for the hours that they have ALREADY been approved for. This bill doesn't expand hours, it just let's children have a choice on who they feel most comfortable receiving support from and who they spend their time with. My son does not feel comfortable having someone else assist him with toileting and personal hygiene tasks. I work through an Agency which supervises me to ensure that my son's plan is followed, and I adhere to all agency policies. Since we have participated in this program my son's confidence has increased, his skill set has increased, and his behaviors have decreased. This program works. I ask that you please vote in favor of Senate Bill 91 so that Oregon's children who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities have the option to choose their most qualified caregivers, their parents.

Thank you kindly,

Sarah Reed