

Submitter: Seneca Clemons

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

My name is Seneca and I am a Job Developer working for Pearl Buck Center out of Eugene, OR. I'd like to express my support for HB 2457 and urge my representatives to vote in favor of fair compensation for DSPs. It is a difficult and unappreciated role that is critical to the lives of so many people across the state. With the staffing crisis we are having now, it is next to impossible to retain a motivated, competent work force that can deliver the standards of care we expect. When we as DSPs are unable to continue in this field, it leaves our clients without essential supports needed to live independent lives. Staff exodus from this field is exceedingly dangerous for the clients we support and we must compensate our providers fairly for the work they do. Thank you for your consideration.