

Submitter: Kyle Deets

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

Hello. My name is Kyle Deets and I serve as Chief Operations Officer of Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley and Central Coast. Our organization supports about 50 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Marion, Polk, Linn and Clackamas counties and employs about 90 Direct Support Professionals (DSP) staff members.

I am writing you in strong support of HB 2457, which will ensure DSPs receive the wages they need, in order to earn a living wage in Oregon for their extraordinarily valuable work! This bill moves DSP wages to 150% of minimum wage and covers the new Paid Leave Oregon Payroll Expenses. The passage of this bill is vital to ensuring some of Oregon's most vulnerable citizens will continue to receive the care they need and deserve!

Please vote yes on HB 2457. People who experience Intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and their DSP staff members are counting on your support!

Sincerely,

Kyle Deets
Chief Operations Officer
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