

Submitter: Jaime Olson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

My name is Jaime Olson and I am a DSP for Partnerships in Community Living.

I am in support of HB 2457 because it guarantees that DSPs will be paid the wage we deserve and it covers Paid leave Oregon Payroll Expense.

Thank you, our services would not have been able to make it this far without continued support from the community and state. We as DSP's appreciate your investment.

The pandemic and changing workforce has continued to deter our progress on wages. Even though providers consistently pay wages above the amount that is funded, it is still a struggle to hire and retain employees. This complicated, critical work is often paid LESS than fast food employees.

The current wages are from a study done years ago and are no longer relevant to what today's market is. Even though it's shown that our industry is fully funded there are many things that we are unable to use or do because we are NOT fully funded and don't have the ability to use/do those things.

Please vote yes on HB 2457. DSPs, the people they support and their families are counting on your support!