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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services
Measure: SB646

Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Robinson, and Members of the Committee,

I am the parent of a child with disabilities who requires significant support for his self care needs and safety. At nine years old, my child is still in pull-ups, requires significant assistance with feeding, and has significant delays in comprehension of basic safety in the home and in the community. He requires the constant availability of an adult. It's very challenging to find consistent support workers who feel safe and appropriate for our family's needs. This has only intensified during the pandemic. As a result it's really not feasible for both myself and my spouse to work. Only SB 646 would allow me to be paid for the support services I provide when we are unable to find a support worker who is a good fit for our child and our family.

Oregon's Developmentally Disabled children deserve access to the best, most qualified caregivers, their parents. No one knows the needs of our states most vulnerable children better than their parents. Please pass SB 646 out of committee.

Sincerely,
Tanya McNeill