

Testimony in support of HB 2457

My name is Ashley Mudge, I am a residential manager at Central Oregon Collective. I love working with the people we support. I would be grateful for this bill being passed as it will support so many employees which leads to amazing opportunities and staffing to support the clients we adore. With the cost of living increasing and the overall need for employees, it's important to be paying staff enough.

I am writing in support of HB 2457. This bill would ensure that our staff would make 150% of minimum wage, as well as cover the increase cost from the Paid Leave Oregon Payroll Expense.

Last session you provided funding for the rate model. Thank you so much for that investment as it kept our doors open and kept the clients, we support housed, healthy and happy. This bill allows our company to pay staff competitive wages now and in the future, especially in our counties toughest staffing crisis to date.

Please vote yes on HB 2457. Staff and the people we support are counting on your support!