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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

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To: Early Childhood and Human Services Committee Hearing  
HIGH IMPORTANCE! Please Support HB2457

I work as a DSP (Direct Support Professional) in Jackson County. I love the work I do to support people. I especially love to: support people to advocate for lives they will love, and participating in fun activities in the community. I am writing to express great concern over the 2023-25 budget.

I love my job, but I live paycheck to paycheck to pay my bills and take care of my family. I want to stay working as a DSP but fear that I cannot continue this work unless I am compensated for my high-level skills. I support people with IDD to take medications, cook meals, grocery shopping, money management, support behavior management, mental health support and critical medical care.

These services are there to protect some of the most vulnerable Oregonians.

I am doing my best to support individuals with IDD in my community to live productive lives. Please help me to continue this!

Please Support HB2457.

THANK YOU!

Cindy DeLashmutt