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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

my name is Sean Arvin and I Believe Bill HB 2457 should be passed. I am a direct support professional and I have been for about 9 months now. In my time as a DSP I have observed that many people in my position remain underpaid and struggle financially while working full time. The organizations that employ us don't currently receive adequate funding and therefore are unable to adequately compensate us. The service that we provide is absolutely essential to many people in the community and we should be given compensation which reflects that. Typically the people who work as DSPs are doing so because of their passion and drive to help people, we assist people in all aspects of life, from helping with hygiene and health to accessing the community and helping their voice be heard. I believe positions that exist solely for the betterment of people in the community deserve to be paid more livable wages because we are the support system that many Oregon residents require to live their lives happily. I believe it is the states responsibility to ensure that all workers who provide essential services are paid a wage that they can live off of rather than simply surviving while struggling financially. Please vote in support of this Bill to ease the burden on DSPs and their families.