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On Behalf Of: OSLP

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

Hello,

I am Kim Gibson Clark, Board Director and past President with Oregon Supported Living Program, an organization that supports and empowers adults with disabilities. I also have a cousin who lives in one of the OSLP programs, and has benefited in ways our family never could have imagined because of the amazing support she receives from the staff at OSLP. Her life expectancy was mid-20's, and I'm thrilled to say that because of the supportive and loving staff, that work tirelessly to ensure her healthcare and well-being, my cousin is 55 years old and counting!

I am writing in support of HB 2457 that ensures that DSPs get the wages they deserve, by moving DSP wages to 150% of minimum wage, and covers the Paid Leave Oregon Payroll Expense. DSPs are responsible for human well-being and care...this should be worth so much more than minimum wage!

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

Thank you,

Kim Gibson Clark