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EVERYONE in their lives will either NEED, know or BE a caregiver. With the ever-increasing number of aging and disabled individuals requiring hands on care, our need for competent and qualified caregivers is greater than ever. As a manager in this industry-of-compassion, I can tell you that our biggest barrier to hiring and retaining good help is inevitably their take-home pay, particularly in the non-profit sector. It is for this reason that I am writing in enthusiastic support of HB 2457 that ensures that DSPs get the wages they deserve, by moving DSP wages to 150% of minimum wage and covering the Paid Leave Oregon Payroll Expense. Please vote yes on HB 2457. DSPs, the people they support, and their families are counting on your endorsement of this measure!