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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human  
Services

Measure: HB5026

Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human  
Services,

I'm writing to ask you to please prioritize DD wages and support full funding of I/DD services in HB 5026. I am asking that you not only protect your previous investment, but that you continue to help move this workforce out of crisis by supporting HB 2457 - it moves Direct Support Professional wages to 150% of minimum wage.

The work of a DSP is not minimum wage work, and should not be funded with the assumption that it is. DSP's are responsible for providing medication management, personal care, behavior supports, preparing meals including modifying food textures, assisting people to eat and drink safely, emotional support, and all other responsibilities that ensure people with disabilities live their safest and best life.

Investing in the DSP workforce shows you value the work that DSP's provide to some of Oregon's most vulnerable people.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ali Brown