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TO: Co-Chair Senator Campos, Co-Chair Representative Valderrama, and members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human Services

Re: Positive Impact of House Bill 5026

ISSUER:

EOCIL's Institute for Disability Studies and Policy (IDSP)
W. Kirt Toombs, Chief Executive Officer

IDSP POLICY POSITION FOR HB 5026:

HB 5026 Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for certain biennial expenses.

The IDSP research team concludes that the passage of **HB 5026 would have a positive impact** on persons with disabilities statewide and from all demographic categories. It will stabilize and enhance trauma-informed services provided by Centers for Independent Living and other community based organizations. HB 5026 supports Oregon's adopted State Plan for Independent Living.

ISSUER BACKGROUND:

Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living (EOCIL) is a global cross-disability resource and advocacy center that promotes independent living and equal access for all persons with disabilities. EOCIL has two primary functions:

1. To operate the Institute for Disability Studies and Policy (IDSP). Through the IDSP's core research and policy officers, the IDSP provides original and scholarly actionable research for disability systems change to enhance independent living, equitable access to services and resources, and universal human rights.
2. To provide peer-based services to people with disabilities living in eastern Oregon. Based in Ontario, Oregon, with additional offices in Burns, La Grande, Pendleton, and The Dalles, EOCIL provides services to individuals with disabilities in 13 central and eastern Oregon counties: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Wheeler.