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On Behalf Of: Stephanie McGlone
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human Services
Measure: HB5026
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To: Joint Subcommittee on Human Services
From: Stephanie McGlone
Re: Support Full Funding for I/DD Case Managers!

Co-Chair Campos, Co-Chair Valderrama, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Stephanie McGlone and I am a parent with a child in Developmental Disabilities program Columbia County

Oregonians thrive when they have a roof over their heads, a job that they love, and are supported by people that help them live their best life. For those with Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD), a case manager can often be the link to finding all of those important things.

Community Development Disability Programs (CDDPs) provide case management services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in all 36 counties of Oregon.

Some of the programs are run county human service departments, and others are independent nonprofits that directly contract with the state or their local county to provide these services.

The CCDP appropriation is built into the ODHS budget. Over the course of the past few biennia, the Legislature has made meaningful strides towards fully funding this budget, allowing them to provide more effective services to those in need. But, they have not reached full funding for their budget in several years. This has resulted in high turnover and caseloads in their profession, which is not beneficial for the person receiving services or the local CDDP.

I do not work for CDDP but have a daughter receiving services from CDDP. My husband and myself have always been very strong advocates for our daughter. We are fortunate that we were always able to find and acquire services for her that fit her needs while she was in high school. However, after our daughter graduated from high school we did not know how to proceed or where to even look for things she needed. If we did not have the support from her caseworker at CDDP I do not know

how her life would look today. Our daughter leads a very full and happy life filled with support not only from her family but also with the support of CDDP. Her caseworker is always available to answer questions or make suggestions that may enrich her life further! I beg you to please fund CDDP and other organizations in the state. They are a resource in Oregon that we just cannot afford to lose!

In their Agency Request Budget (ARB), ODHS included a Policy Option Package to fully fund these programs, recognizing the important role that CDDP's play in local communities. While this POP was not included in the Governor's Budget, full funding for these programs remains critical. Full funding will allow us to better serve those with an Intellectual of Developmental Disability (I/DD). We urge you to fully fund this budget!

Sincerely,

Stephanie McGlone