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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services
Measure: SB1521

I am resubmitting due to misunderstanding the scope of the bill.

My position is neutral on the rest of the bill and opposed to sb 1521-1 amendment
Agency of Choice

This legislation will lessen the quality of care Received by adults in
the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities community. I prefer work as a DSP direct
support provider through private brokerage services.

-I enjoy working for a small company and having real people I know to call when my
clients' support needs become beyond my scope. I am overqualified for my position
and appreciate that I can negotiate a higher wage by working in a small company.

- While this bill does not directly threatened the brokerage services I feel that it is a
ploy to provide less administrative Supports to providers and individuals with
disabilities.

- This bill has been formulated and written without adequate input from the disabled
abilities community there is an important slogan "nothing about us without us."

- I acknowledge the importance of SEIU for progress forward for our field as a whole.
It is frustrating that they represent such a large lobbying backing and we only have
our voices as employees and people with disabilities. It makes us feel more like a
number and a cog and not a real person. Brokerage services offer a personal touch.

-If you depend on home care workers or personal support workers you have less
support around making sure your shifts are covered if you have a worker call out.

- I don't think the 3rd option will offer significant difference from the original option. It
will not cover more gaps in service.

I have worked as a Home care worker and a Personal Support Worker in the SEIU
union. I have worked in a group home setting as a qualified mental health
professional under the SEIU union. I have a bachelor's in social work from University
of Washington and have been working as a caregiver since 2018.

Thank you,
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