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Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB725

Dear Chair, Co-Chair, and Committee Members,

I'm Yuàn Fèngxian ? ?? I'm part of Self -Advocates Taking Action. I'm a transracial Chinese adoptee who lives with an intellectual disability, and receive brokerage services in the Portland tri- county area. I'm writing in support of SB725. Lowering the caseloads would be helpful for me and my case manager so we could get the important things done and help make things more accessible and easier to understand. Right now they have a lot of customers on their caseloads and it is hard to get support the way we need. Say a person needs their case manager to help them through certain things and needs an advocate, if their PA does not have time to support their needs in this process can go unmet and can cause harm without support. With the political powers we have right now we need to support and empower our services now more than ever. We need your support to improve how we navigate and access these services. Another major factor is the case manager turn over is having a new case manager is really hard. We have to say goodbye to people we trust, then we are stuck in limbo waiting for a new PA to help/ get hired and settled in. When there is not enough staff we are stuck with the emotional labor or retelling this person everything about us, our history, and what I was working on with my last case manager. This takes times away from our lives and goals. Please pass SB725.