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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB810

Dear Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Senate Committee Members:

I write in support of SB 810. Everyone deserves the opportunity to work in integrated job settings that pay equal wages for similar work. Oregon is an Employment First state, which means it is the policy of the state that competitive integrated employment (CIE) is the first and priority option when supporting a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). All services are designed to support outcomes for employment and career advancement. SB 810 formalizes Oregon's commitment to supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to obtain and advance in employment. SB 810 will ensure people with I/DD will continue to be supported to pursue their goals with regards to employment. Increased economic independence provides individuals with I/DD more choices and greater inclusion in their communities. Through mechanisms such as annual reporting, interagency coordination, and advisory groups, SB 810 promotes workforce equity for people with I/DD.

As someone who received disability services to support me to be an executive director it is important for me to have my services to be able to continue working, be successful in my job and help my friends, family, and community. I received job training and job supports through out my career and it has made it possible for me to be able to pay my own bills, provide for myself without public assistance and gain the knowledge and skills to have a voice in my life and to advocate for others.

Thank you for your consideration Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Senate Committee Members