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- TO: Senate Human Services Committee
- FROM: Allen Hines, Community Vision
- RE: Support for Senate Bill 725

Chair Gelser-Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and members of the committee:

Advocates with intellectual and developmental disabilities have identified that they need more responsive case managers to maintain their independence and achieve their goals. Lower caseloads would allow case managers to spend more time understanding their clients' lives and goals, enabling them to partner effectively in achieving those objectives

By implementing a 30 to 1 staffing ratio, SB 725 will enable service coordinators to dedicate adequate time and resources to each person, fostering meaningful relationships and providing individualized support. This change is essential for enhancing the quality of life for individuals with I/DD and ensuring they receive the comprehensive services they deserve.

Community Vision envisions a world where people with disabilities are included, accepted, and able to live a life they choose. Quality case management is often a key component of making this vision a reality.

We urge you to support Senate Bill 725 and improve the effectiveness of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon.