

Submitter: Advocates For Disability Supports
On Behalf Of: Jessica Zahlmann
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB538

Dear Lawmakers, I am asking for your support of TENSY'S LAW (SB 538). The bill would increase access to Oregon's Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) waiver; allow parents of minors to be personal support workers; and ensure this compensation comes from already-obligated funding. Oregon has a legal and moral obligation to ensure that children with disabilities receive the care they are entitled to. The state already assesses the number of care hours a child needs, yet it consistently fails to meet these obligations due to workforce shortages. Tensy's Law would give families financial stability while reducing reliance on social safety nets. Thank you for your consideration. Jessica Zahlmann