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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB538

To Oregon Lawmakers: Please vote yes on Senate Bill 538, also known as Tensy's Law. 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. Without adequate in-home support, families face the heartbreaking decision of placing their child in an institution or struggling without care. Many parents are left with no choice but to quit their jobs, take unpaid leave, or forgo sleep to meet their child's needs. Tensy's Law would give families financial stability while reducing reliance on social safety nets. Thank you for your consideration. Jade Christensen