

Submitter: Advocates For Disability Supports
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ATTN: Legislators I am asking for your support of TENSY'S LAW (SB 538). Who better to care for these children than their own parent who cares more about them than anyone on earth does, and is also trained already to care for their child? If the parents can do it, then that frees up healthcare workers to help someone who's parent cannot do it. 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. From: Natalie Lumley