

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

ATTN: Legislators Please lend your SUPPORT to Senate Bill 538, or "Tensy's Law." Tensy is my friends grandson, whose family provides the best care for him. 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. Institutional care is not only more expensive but also less effective than home-based care. Oregon spends over \$100,000 per month on state-run residential placements, while paying a parent caregiver a fraction of that cost would allow children to remain in their homes with consistent, high-quality care. Tensy's Law provides an immediate, no-cost workforce solution by allowing parents-who are already trained, qualified, and committed-to provide this essential care. Sincerely, Clare Staton