

Submitter: Advocates For Disability Supports  
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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." 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. Our family just lost another caregiver we hired in October. Robbie my son requires 24 hour care and can not do anything unassisted. He requires a gTube to eat w assistance, talker device to communicate and assistance w equipment to walk. Tensy's Law prioritizes what truly matters: the well-being of Oregon's most vulnerable children like my son Robbie. With regards, Angie Fults Robbies mama and main full time carer