

Submitter: Advocates For Disability Supports
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To Whom it May Concern, I am hoping you will support SB 538 (also known as Tensy's Law) this session. 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 provides an immediate, no-cost workforce solution by allowing parents - who are already trained, qualified, and committed - to provide this essential care. Yours, Katherine Killgore-Harris