

I, Lesli M. Takasugi, am sharing this testimony in support of Senate Bill 538, otherwise known as Tensey'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's homecare workforce shortage is well-documented. Over 90% of families report they cannot find enough caregivers to fill their authorized hours. This shortage is even more severe in rural areas, where specialized caregivers are virtually non-existent. Tensey's Law would give families financial stability while reducing reliance on social safety nets.

With regards,
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