

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

ATTN: Legislators Please vote yes on Senate Bill 538, also known as 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. Tensy's Law is a simple solution: allow parents to be paid caregivers, ensuring that children receive the care they are entitled to while keeping them in the homes they know and love. From: Lilaah Gardner