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Greetings Senator Gelser Blouin, Representative Nosse, Senator Broadman and members of the committee.

My name is Adam Logan, and I am a general advocate with Bridges Oregon specializing in working with deaf and hard of hearing clients, many with additional disabilities. I have provided testimony in the past as spokesperson for the Oregon Association of the Deaf (OAD) as well. Please note that I write as an individual, not on behalf of Bridges Oregon or OAD. I identify as hard of hearing, and as a member of the greater disability community. I unreservedly support SB 20.

Oregonians with disabilities face significant hurdles to saving and earning money due to outdated asset and income limits. People with disabilities must turn down raises, full-time positions, and, more simply, to maintain access to the personal care services that make it possible for them to live independently. SB 20 is modeled after successful efforts in Washington State to address this problem and give people with disabilities the freedom of working, earning, and saving money. Not only is this good for disabled people, it's good for the state because it empowers individuals with disabilities to be financially self-sufficient.

Let's remove the glass ceiling blocking the disabled from reaching their full potential and from contributing what they have to offer to the circles of communities to which they belong. I wholeheartedly endorse SB 20 and encourage you to move forward with its passage.

Respectfully,

Adam Logan