February 14, 2025

Senate Committee on Human Services SB20

Dear Chair Senator Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Senator Linthicum, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 20.

Hello, my name is Kevyn, and my brother has lived with a permanent disability for 25 years. For many of these years he was unable to work due to the fear of losing his caregiving hours. I watched him work with his DHS Caseworker and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to get back into the workforce. I have seen the good work he is doing in our community, and hope that one day he will be able to be paid accordingly. He has had to keep a low wage to stay within the current limitations that are in place for Employed Persons with Disabilities.

I have seen my brother persevere after having a spinal cord injury and I implore you to please consider supporting Senate Bill 20 and allow him to make a competitive wage without fear of losing his caregiving hours that he relies on.

Many people living with disabilities throughout Oregon are in similar situations. Please give them a chance to have careers and plan for their future.

Thank you,

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Kevyn Moore