



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

February 25, 2025

To: The Senate Committee on Human Services

Re: SB 1065 Support

As members of the Oregon Residential Ombudsman Public Guardian Advisory Board, we are writing in strong support of SB 1065, a bill that establishes the Center for Decision-Making Supports.

ROPGAB oversees the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (OLTCO) including its programs of the Residential Facilities Ombudsman (RFO), the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) and the Oregon Public Guardian (OPG). The statutory directives for the Board also include advising the legislative Assembly on issues related to the agency, its programs, and the Oregonians served by the agency. The ROFGAB Board members represent decades of experience in geriatrics, mental health care, brain injury, long-term care, elder law, guardianship, advocacy for individuals with disabilities, and as caregivers ourselves.

For people with disabilities, there are many different legal tools that can support them to make their own decisions or to appoint someone else to make those decisions. Finding and implementing the right tool is often time consuming and overwhelming for that person and their family.

We support SB 1065 as this Act sets up a center to help people with disabilities and their families understand the decision-making tools available:

- It creates a system where information about decision-making tools is available to people exploring their options
- It educates people, families and professionals on tools to support people with disabilities to make decisions about their lives
- It provides referrals to advocacy and legal organizations and enhances cross-agency collaborations.

We urge you to pass SB 1065 in this legislative session and are available for testimony or additional information if needed. Thank you for considering these vital services.

Sincerely,

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