



Good morning Chair Gelser Blouin and members of the committee,

My name is Odalis Aguilar Aguilar and I am a political coordinator at Oregon AFSCME. Our union represents over 39,000 workers across the state in both public and private sectors and we believe in economic and social justice for all Oregon workers and their families. We write in support of SB 1074.

This bill directs the Department of Human Services to prepare accurate caseload forecasts of the older adults and individuals with disabilities who will be served by the department during the biennium and projections for the workload needed to serve those individuals that take into account specified factors.

Our members are the caseload managers who have reported an exponential increase in cases and responsibility without the proper funding. We believe the lack of adjustment to new Medicaid regulation, State laws and mandates have compounded to the place where our members are no longer able to keep up with the great work they do and properly serve its intended population.

When we undercount or disregard individuals who are eligible for services - we are discounting their voice, their right to access services and supports and their needs.

We urge you to support this bill.