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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

Dear House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards members,

I'm writing in opposition to this proposed bill, HB 3838. This is a bill that introduces additional, confusing bureaucracy to an already highly regulated environment.

Here are some of the concerns I have that are shared with the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) community:

?It fails to recognize the unique nature of ODDS services. The verbiage in the bill briefly talks about DSP duties, and it is not completely accurate. It seems there isn't a full understanding of what DSP's do, and that is concerning.

?It creates a new state bureaucracy.

?It's redundant and overly complex. As providers, our limited resources need to be spent wisely. We're already answering to several other regulatory bodies. Adding an additional regulatory body would take valuable time away from our team, who's main focus is to provide gold-standard services to our clients.

?It's an unelected board with no checks and balances.

?It diverts resources away from Direct Supports.

?There's no guaranteed funding for new standards. The bill's verbiage does not directly address the current gap between State reimbursements and DSP wages, which has been an ongoing concern for providers. Our teams work hard and new bills need to directly address the obstacle face on, rather than build-out another layer of regulation.

?There's a lack of representation from key stakeholders like providers, families and service recipients.

?Curriculum and training standards should be set by experts.

In conclusion, Oregon should focus on direct workforce investments rather than creating a redundant regulatory body that will only complicate an already strained system.

The most effective way to support this workforce is to fund DSP wage increases directly, not to add another administrative hurdle that benefits interest groups rather than the people who rely on these essential services.

Please do not move this bill forward.

Thank you.

In good health,

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