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As a parent of a person with support needs, and who also works for a company that provides supports for people with special needs, I oppose HB3838. We, as Oregonians have always taken a step ahead, or the first step, of other states in providing quality care and the necessary supports for individuals in healthcare. We have always put our citizens care first for those who can't fully support themselves. As a parent I have been privy to not getting services needed in the past (my son is now 25) due to all the bureaucracy and muddled language of laws in place that were meant to support my child but in fact prevented the support he desperately needed due to muddled language. In recent years as I have been working as a DSP, and I have witnessed how new laws/regulations opened up the muddled language and more supports have been provided giving quality of life and relief to family members who provide care at home. As a DSP who works for a company that thrives in the community it supports, I am proud of how well my organization cares about the people we support and treat us as workers. Being both a DSP and parent can be very mentally exhausting at times, as a human you can't work with other humans and not care, when things, like muddled language and unnecessary laws and bylaws come into place the quality of care by providers will change and not for the better because it limits their abilities and HB3838 DOES NOT recognize the unique nature of ODDS services. It would increase the cost of services while at the same time reduce access to services, which as a parent I struggled with myself, when trying to get services for my child, however I see the services now available for parents and DSP. To create a situation where those services are no longer accessible or difficult to get you put a strain on not just families but also the DSPs and companies trying to provide the best quality of life for every Oregonian. Oregon is already highly regulated, we have always been 100% about quality of life for EVERY Oregonian, please ask yourself what adding muddled language to laws already in practice provides? It is 100% unnecessary and makes no sense. Please DO NOT pass a bill that makes no logical sense.