

Re: HB 5006, SB 538A, HB 3193

Carolynn Kohout, of Hillsboro, Washington County, a Personal Care Attendant, Homecare Worker, Personal Support Worker, and a SEIU Local 99 leader.

What We Want: I request you invest in DHS - including SEIU Local 99 care providers' competitive wages and current/additional work hours, current consumer/client SNAP allotments, Community Action, Sequoia Mental Health, LifeWorks Mental Health, and Department of Housing Services' budgets.

These agencies and provider hours ensure survival for my consumer clients. Without both economic supports and care providing hours, those we serve would be living on the street – a greatly expensive and dangerous social burden to society.

HB 5006: Invest a Socio-Eco System enabling care providers to successfully evolve consumer/clients to a level of self-sufficiency.

SB 538A: Cause ODHS to pay parents to provide in-home care/ attendant care services for minor children with developmental disabilities who have very high behavioral health or medical needs.

HB 3193: Invest in farm laborers: Create a relief program to provide money to farmworkers who have lost income due to a disaster - through the Oregon Health Authority establishing and implementing a permanent farmworker disaster relief program.