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On Behalf Of:

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I am an Executive Director of Shangri-La's employment services. 503-C non-profit. A glimpse at what I am experiencing with my DSA (Day Services Activities) program financially: In November 2024 my DSA program closed the month \$233.67.

December closed -\$6,430.25, January 2025 \$9,253.06, and February closed at -\$2,665.89. November 2024 through February net after all expenses = \$390.59. The margin is extremely thin at less than 1% and potentially unsustainable. (My DSA team members have paid time off. They also have medical & dental insurance that they pay \$100.00 per month for and Shangri-La covers the rest of the premiums.)

Less than 1% does not allow for savings that can cover delays in state reimbursement, staffing shortages, audit penalties, or emergencies such as natural disasters, building issues, vehicle repair/replacement, and things like aging technology and office equipment replacement.

The recent ODHS study showed a \$558 million dollar gap between what providers are currently paid and what they need to sustain services. I support the bill and would consider a 3% cost of living adjustment, biannually satisfactory, in lieu of funding the entire \$558 million.