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On Behalf Of: Shangri-la
Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2150

Dear Chair Hartman, Vice-Chair Nguyen and Scharf, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Rashmi Joshi and I am one of the board members of Shangri-la organization. I am writing to express support for House Bill 2150 with the -2 amendment. I respectfully urge the Committee to advance this important legislation.

This amended bill would direct the Department of Human Services (DHS) to include an annual cost of living adjustment into contracts with community provider organizations for the provision of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities . This bill represents a necessary and thoughtful step forward in addressing longstanding gaps that affect Direct Support Providers who work for Shangri-la.

Direct Support Providers are the unsung heroes who empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live fulfilling, independent lives. Their work is rooted in compassion, patience, and dignity—and deserves both recognition and support.

I appreciate the Oregon Legislature's attention to this issue and encourage you to support HB 2150 with -2 amendment.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the people of Oregon.

Respectfully,
Rashmi Joshi