

April 3, 2025

To: Joint Ways and Means subcommittee Human Resources

From: Kevyn Moore

Dear Committee Co-Chairs Campos and Valderrama, and fellow members of Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services,

I am writing to express my strong support for the full funding of SB 20 within the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) budget.

Hello, my name is Kevyn, and my brother has lived with a permanent disability for 25 years. For many of these years he was unable to work due to the fear of losing his caregiving hours. I watched him work with his DHS Caseworker and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to get back into the workforce. I have seen the good work he is doing in our community, and hope that one day he will be able to be paid accordingly. He has had to keep a low wage to stay within the current limitations that are in place for Employed Persons with Disabilities.

I have seen my brother persevere after having a spinal cord injury and I implore you to please consider supporting Senate Bill 20 and allow him to make a competitive wage without fear of losing his caregiving hours that he relies on.

Many people living with disabilities throughout Oregon are in similar situations. Please give them a chance to have careers and plan for their future.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Moore". The "K" is stylized with a long vertical stroke, and "Moore" is written in a cursive script.

Kevyn Moore