



To: Joint Subcommittee on Human Services

From: Anthony Castaneda, SEIU 503

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RE: HB 5526 ODHS Budget I/DD Services

Co-Chair Campos, Co-Chair Valderrama, and members of the subcommittee,

For the record, my name is Anthony Castaneda, and I am writing on behalf of SEIU 503 in support of HB 5526 calling for increased investment in the I/DD case management system to connect Oregonians to services.

Throughout the state, SEIU 503 represents many of the workers, such as Personal Support Workers, who provide services to Oregonians through Community Developmental Disability Programs (CCDP). PSW's assist individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who receive Medicaid in-home services through the CCDP's. Some of these programs are operated by the county government, while others are a nonprofit who have a direct contract with the state to provide I/DD services.

Case managers who serve individuals with I/DD are a lifeline. They protect the health and safety of everyone on their caseload and ensure that those individuals receive the services they need. Whether it be finding a job, housing, or transportation, a case manager will always be there when called upon.

There are several other responsibilities of CDDPs aside from providing case management services to those in need. These responsibilities include the licensing and certification of adult and child foster homes, determining whether someone is eligible to receive I/DD services, and investigating incidents of abuse.

Investments in I/DD services would allow our workers to best ensure the health and safety of those we serve. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony Castañeda

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