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On Behalf Of: Shangri-La Corporation
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee,
First off, thank you for all the work you do for the disability community and for reading my testimony today, I hope you are all doing well.

My name is Mae Eck, and I am strongly opposed to House Bill 3838.

While I appreciate the intent behind HB 3838, I am concerned that its implementation would create unintended consequences that outweigh its proposed benefits. Specifically, this bill would cause detrimental effects on local non-profit organizations and the individuals served as well as undermine regulations that are already established.

Instead of rushing forward with HB 3838, I urge this committee to pause and read the Rate and Wage Study, released January 2025, that was an outcome of HB 5026 and raise the wages for Direct Support Professionals to address the Direct Support Professional crisis we are facing today. Furthermore, I implore you to hold Oregon's Department of Human Services, Bureau of Labor and Industries and Oregon Health Authority accountable to enforce the regulations that are already in place and that they are required to uphold instead of referring to a third-party board.

I respectfully urge a NO vote on House Bill 3838.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to thoughtful governance on behalf of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,
Mae Eck