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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

To: House Committee on Rules
From: Alem Brhanemeskel, Director, ALEM GROUP HOME INC
Date: 04/30/25
Subject: Written Testimony in Opposition
Dear Chair and Members of the House Committee on Rules,

My name is Alem Brhanemeskel, and I am the Director of ALEM GROUP HOME INC, a licensed 24-hour residential care facility in Oregon serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition.

As a direct service provider, I see firsthand how state policies affect some of Oregon's most vulnerable individuals. I am concerned that this proposed legislation would negatively impact the quality, sustainability, and accessibility of care for individuals with I/DD.

Our facility strives to provide person-centered care that promotes independence, dignity, and community integration. However, the unintended consequences of this legislation would place additional strain on already-limited resources and jeopardize our ability to maintain staffing, meet regulatory requirements, and respond to complex behavioral and medical needs.

I urge the committee to reconsider or revise this proposal in consultation with providers, families, and advocates to ensure that the needs of Oregonians with disabilities are not compromised.

Thank you for your time, attention, and ongoing commitment to protecting vulnerable populations.