

**Enrolled**  
**House Joint Resolution 51**

Sponsored by Representative GELSER; Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, BUCKLEY, CANNON, CLEM, C EDWARDS, HOLVEY, HUNT, TOMEI, WITT

Whereas persons with developmental disabilities are valued members of our community; and  
Whereas persons with developmental disabilities require assistance to ensure their full participation in community life; and

Whereas services that provide necessary and appropriate assistance to persons with developmental disabilities are hindered by inadequate funding; and

Whereas there are scarce resources to support children with developmental disabilities who remain at home with their families; and

Whereas 3,495 children with developmental disabilities in Oregon are waiting to receive basic services; and

Whereas low reimbursement rates set by both state and federal governments have hampered the ability of community care providers to hire and employ enough care providers; and

Whereas the Department of Human Services is revising its rules regarding the placement of persons with developmental disabilities in nursing homes; and

Whereas Governor Kulongoski's proposed budget includes the closure of the Eastern Oregon Training Center, which is Oregon's last residential institution for persons with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas the proposed closure of the Eastern Oregon Training Center would have a significant impact upon the economy of the City of Pendleton; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That state funds saved through the closure of the Eastern Oregon Training Center, or through the reassignment or closure, as the result of regulatory changes enacted by the Department of Human Services, of other facilities serving persons with developmental disabilities, be dedicated to providing and developing necessary community care for children and adults with developmental disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That any funds in excess of the amount necessary to provide such community care be retained by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of serving the thousands of Oregonians in need of community-based support services; and be it further

Resolved, That any closure of the Eastern Oregon Training Center be coupled with an economic development plan for the City of Pendleton, including study of alternate uses for the Eastern Oregon Training Center.

Adopted by House April 23, 2007

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Chief Clerk of House

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Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 15, 2007

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President of Senate