

# House Joint Resolution 51

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Recognizes contributions made to communities by persons with developmental disabilities. Recommends using savings in Governor's proposed budget to provide services for persons with developmental disabilities.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

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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; 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.

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.