



Oregon Rehabilitation Association

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MEASURE: HB 4036
EXHIBIT: _____
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE
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SUBMITTED BY: Kral

IN SUPPORT OF HB 4036

My name is Tim Kral and I have been the Executive Director of the Oregon Rehabilitation Association since 1985. We are here in strong support of House Bill 4036 to help preserve the vital services our members provide to Oregonians with developmental disabilities.

ORA was created in 1967 to be the voice of nonprofit community providers of jobs and homes for people with disabilities. Our members are in virtually every Oregon community, for example Pearl Buck, Shangri-La, Albertina Kerr, Tualatin Valley Workshop, WITCO, Cornerstone, and Edwards Center. ORA Members serve over 6,000 people with developmental disabilities, about half of whom receive full 24-hour supports. Under various state contracts, ORA members deliver about \$200M/yr in services and supports from state and federal sources. We also represent many nonprofit Brokerages (e.g. Full Access), who will also benefit from this tax bill.

The definition of developmental disabilities, which applies to Medicaid funding, is an IQ of 69 or less. The individuals whom we serve often have profound physical disabilities as well. Many of them lived in the Fairview State Institution before it closed in 1999 and many are still wards of the state.

In October of 2010, our support from the state was cut by 6%. We are scheduled for another 4% cut in April of this year. You will hear in a moment the impact this additional cut will have on the services our members provide. House Bill 4036 will not completely erase the cut, but it will lessen it significantly, enabling us to preserve the most critical of the protection, health and safety services our members provide.

I also want the Committee to note that this bill has the full support of the DD Community: the County DD Program Directors, Mental Health Directors Association, Families and Advocates, the DD Coalition, the OSSA, and the Oregon DD Council.

Thank you and I'm happy to respond to any questions.

- Abilitree
- Ability at Work
- Adult Learning Systems of Oregon
- Albertina Kerr Centers
- Alternative Services Oregon
- Alvord Taylor Independent Living Services
- ANCOR
- ASH
- Bethesda Lutheran Communities
- Bliss Sequoia Insurance & Risk Advisors
- Catholic Community Services
- Center Enterprises
- Center for Continuing Education in Rehabilitation (CCER)
- Chamberlin House
- Coast Rehabilitation Services
- Community Access Services
- Community Services
- Cornerstone Associates
- Creative Supports
- Disability Compass
- Douglas Residential Training Facilities
- Dungarvin
- Eastco Diversified Services
- Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage (EOSSB)
- Edwards Center
- Enterprise Fleet Management
- Full Access
- Galt Foundation
- Garten Services
- Horizon Project
- Inclusion
- Independence Northwest
- Independent Environments
- Irwin Siegel Agency
- Lane Community College, Spec. Employment Services
- LaPorte & Associates
- Living Opportunities
- Marie Mills Center
- McDunn Consultants
- McKenzie Personnel Services
- Mentor Oregon
- Mid-Valley Rehabilitation
- New Day Enterprises
- NISH Northwest Regional Office
- NISH National Office
- ONET/Empire Pacific Risk Management
- Opportunity Connections
- Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon
- Oregon Supported Living Program
- Oregon Technical Assistance Corporation (OTAC)
- Partnerships in Community Living (PCL)
- Pathway Enterprises
- Peak Performers
- Pearl Buck Center Incorporated
- Port City Development Center
- REACH
- Residential Assistance Program (RAP)
- RISE Services
- Riverside Training Centers
- Scioto Properties, LLC
- Self Determination Resources, Inc. (SDRI)
- Shangri-La Corp.
- South Coast Horizons
- Southern Oregon Aspire
- Southern Oregon Goodwill Industries
- Southern Oregon Regional Brokerage
- Star of Hope
- Step Forward Activities
- Sue Christiance Vocational Program (SCVP)
- Sunrise Enterprises
- Therap Services
- Tualatin Valley Workshop (TVW)
- Umpqua Homes for the Handicapped
- Wentworth Chevrolet
- WITCO
- 501(c) Agencies Trust