



To: House Human Services Committee, Chair Tomei
RE: HB 3132
March 27, 2013

Chair Tomei and members of the committee, representing the I/DD Coalition of Oregon, which is a group of approximately 30 developmental disability organizations throughout Oregon whose mission is to promote quality service and supports, which respectfully further the rights, equality, justice, and inclusion for all Oregonians with developmental disabilities and families.

Key members of our coalition have reviewed HB 3132, the current Oregon Administrative Rules that govern residential supports for people with developmental disabilities, and the requirements of the DD Office's *Core Competencies* (which some of our members had a hand in developing and are currently involved in updating). We fully recognize how important sound training practices are and believe the current DD rules adequately meet that need.

We are most concerned that providers receive adequate rates to hire, train, and keep competent workers in these complex and demanding jobs. We are acutely aware of the chronic underfunding of all aspects of DD funding which were significantly impacted by the 6% cut across the board for DD services in October 2010. In fact, we are seeking \$30 Million (GF) to help DD services remain stable in the coming biennium.

Neither the DD Office nor the Office of Licensing and Quality of Care see a need for additional reporting requirements for DD 24 hour providers. Those records are checked biennially as a standard part of group home license renewals. As it stands, the bill would require additional fte at the DD office to process annual reports on over 14,000 employees. Given the reductions at the DD office and in all of DD services, we would much prefer to see efforts more directed at assisting the DD office to invest in an electronic case management and record system (which is in the Governor's recommended budget). Thank you.

The current roster of Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition members include:

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| <u>Albertina Kerr Center</u> | <u>Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities</u> |
| <u>Bethesda Lutheran Communities</u> | <u>Oregon Institute on Disabilities and</u> |
| <u>Center on Human Development, University of OR</u> | <u>Development CDRC (OHSU)</u> |
| <u>Community Provider Association of Oregon Inc</u> | <u>Oregon Rehabilitation Association</u> |
| <u>Community Vision</u> | <u>Oregon Technical Assistance Corporation</u> |
| <u>Danville Services of Oregon</u> | <u>Partnerships in Community Living</u> |
| <u>Disability Rights Oregon</u> | <u>Providence Child Care Center</u> |
| <u>FACT - Family And Community Together</u> | <u>Resource Connections of Oregon</u> |
| <u>Full Access Brokerage</u> | <u>Self Advocates as Leaders</u> |
| <u>Inclusion, Inc.</u> | <u>Self Determination Resources Inc. (SDRI)</u> |
| <u>Independence Northwest</u> | <u>Shangri-La Corporation</u> |
| <u>On The Move Community Integration</u> | <u>Southern Oregon Regional Brokerage</u> |

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