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RE: The Aging and People with Disabilities section of the Governor's
Recommended Budget

To the Joint Ways and Means Committee and Ways and Means Subcommittee
on Human Services:

The Oregon Disabilities Commission (ODC) supports the 2013-2015 Governor's
Recommended Budget (GRB).

After receiving information about the Governor's proposed initiatives at its
meeting on January 10, 2013, ODC is positive about and supports the Aging and
People with Disabilities (APD) section of the 2013-15 GRB. We commend a

budget that helps fulfill a succession of goals supported by this Commission, including those that promote individual choice, quality of care and services for Medicaid consumers, while sponsoring cost effective solutions to increase capacity to provide services and supports to individuals with disabilities in their own homes and in community settings.

We believe that this GRB helps maintain a dynamic system of consumer-centered Long-Term Care (LTC) services for Oregonians, which ODC values. We admire the boldness of this GRB for stimulating thinking and actions about solving challenges facing Oregonians with disabilities to live independently in their own homes and communities.

We appreciate your time and consideration to this element of the GRB.

Sincerely,

The Oregon Disabilities Commission

CC: Sean Kolmer, Erinn Kelley-Siel, Mike McCormick