

DATE: March 28, 2013

TO: The Honorable Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Ways and Means

FROM: Lyla Swafford, Consumer
Commissioner, Oregon Home Care Commission

SUBJECT: The Aging and People with Disabilities section within the Governor's Recommended Budget

- Co-Chair Devlin, Co-Chair Buckley and members of the committee: I am Lyla Swafford; I am a consumer/employer of homecare workers and the Vice-Chair of the Oregon Home Care Commission. I am here today to testify in support of the Aging and People with Disabilities portion of the Governor's recommended budget.
- Reasons are:
 - I am a person with cerebral palsy, and it affects my speech, balance, and the use of my hands. I support APD's budget because the vision of Long-Term Care 3.0 and the approach APD has taken in building its budget, including working with CMS to apply for the K option. This new way of thinking will ensure that in the years to come, seniors and people with physical disabilities in Oregon will be able to live independently in their own homes with the necessary supports and services.
 - APD also supports workforce development, which as a Commissioner and consumer/employer of homecare workers, I support this initiative as it involves the work of the Commission around training of homecare workers, consumers, and the expansion of the Registry to support seniors and all individuals with disabilities including mental health.
 - APD's budget supports innovation, and as a member of a CCO Advisory Council, I am looking forward to partnerships with consumer/employers and homecare workers and/or community health workers working together with the CCO medical teams and APD/AAAs case managers to achieve better health outcomes for consumers.

I appreciate this opportunity to appear before you and urge you to support APD's budget within the Governor's recommended budget.

Sincerely,

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