

DATE: March 27, 2013

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

FROM: Mark King, Consumer
Commissioner, Oregon Home Care Commission

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

- Co-Chair Devlin, Co-Chair Buckley and members of the committee: I am Mark King; I am a consumer employer of homecare workers and a Commissioner on the Oregon Home Care Commission. I am here today to testify in support of the Aging and People with Disabilities section of the Governor's recommended budget.
- Reasons are:
 - I support the APD budget because it continues to allow myself and others like me to live in the community and as independent as possible with the support of homecare workers. I am able to manage my employees, and I have received training from the Commission's STEPS program which provides information, tools, and supports around managing, hiring, and working with my homecare workers.
 - In-home services continue to be less expensive than other options, and it provides me with the most independence.
 - The GRB helps maintain a long-term care system that is person-centered, and Long-Term Care 3.0 enhances the existing programs and will provide additional community based care options.
 - APD is now thinking forward and requesting funds to support innovative concepts and pilot projects that will assist in improving the high quality of in-home services which is important to me as a consumer and Commissioner.

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

Sincerely,

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