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The Honorable Mitch Greenlick, Chair  
The Honorable Alissa Keny-Guyer, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Jim Thompson, Vice Chair  
House Health Care Committee  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 2056

Chair Greenlick, Vice-Chairs Keny-Guyer and Thompson, and Members  
of the Committee:

My name is Ruth McEwen, Vice-Chair of the Oregon Disabilities  
Commission.

The Oregon Disabilities Commission is in support of HB 2056 that  
reauthorizes the Lone Term Care Facility Assessment. The estimated  
income of \$295.4 million in funds for services to seniors and people with  
disabilities is part of the Governor's Recommended Budget.

This bill provides market based tools to the Department of Human  
Services and providers which will encourage voluntary "capacity  
reductions agreements" by providers in service areas with identified  
excess capacity. A higher occupancy levels will enhance efficiency, help

enable optimum staffing levels, enhances care and encourage better outcomes and lower re-hospitalization rates.

Therefore, the Oregon Disabilities Commission supports the passage of HB 2056.

Sincerely,

Ruth McEwen, Vice Chair