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Abilities at Work:

Abilitree
Adult Learning Systems of Oregon
Albertina Kerr Centers
Alternative Services Oregon, Inc.
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ANCOR
Ashland Supportive Housing (ASH)
Bay Area Enterprises
Bethesda Lutheran Communities
Bliss Sequoia Insurance & Risk Advisors
Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley and Central Coast
Center Enterprises, Inc.
CCER/TACE Northwest
Chamberlin House, Inc.
Coast Rehabilitation Services
Community Access Services, Inc.
Community Services, Inc.
Cornerstone Associates, Inc.
Creative Supports, Inc.
Diamond Peak Group (Morgan Stanley Smith Barney)
Disability Compass
Douglas Residential Training Facilities
Dungarvin, Inc.
Eastco Diversified Services
Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage (EOSSB)
Edwards Center, Inc.
Enterprise Fleet Management
Full Access
Galt Foundation
Garten Services, Inc.
Horizon Project, Inc.
Independence Northwest
Independent Environments, Inc.
Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc.
Lane Community College, Specialized Support Services
LaPorte & Associates
Living Opportunities, Inc.
Marie Mills Center, Inc.
McKenzie Personnel Services, Inc.
Mentor Oregon
Mid-Valley Rehabilitation, Inc.
New Day Enterprises, Inc.
NISH National Office
NISH Northwest Regional Office
Opportunity Connections
Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon
Oregon Supported Living Program
Oregon Technical Assistance Corporation (OTAC)
Partnerships in Community Living, Inc. (PCL)
Pathway Enterprises, Inc.
Peak Performers
Pearl Buck Center Incorporated
Port City Development Center
REACH, Inc.
Residential Assistance Program (RAP)
RISE Services, Inc.
Riverside Training Centers
Scioto Properties, LLC
Self Determination Resources, Inc. (SDRI)
Shangri-La Corporation
South Coast Horizons
Southern Oregon Aspire, Inc.
Southern Oregon Goodwill Industries
Southern Oregon Regional Brokerage
Star of Hope
Step Forward Activities, Inc.
Sunrise Enterprises, Inc.
Therap Services, Inc.
Tualatin Valley Workshop, Inc. (TVW)
Umpqua Homes for the Handicapped, Inc.
Wentworth Chevrolet
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To: Senate General Government, Consumer & Small Business
Protection

From: Tim Kral, Director, Oregon Rehabilitation Association

RE: SUPPORT FOR HB 3168

May 17, 2013

Members of the Committee:

My name is Tim Kral and I have been the Executive Director of Oregon Rehabilitation Association for the past 28 years. Our membership is comprised of nonprofits that provide homes and jobs to thousands of people with disabilities in virtually every community in the state.

I was invited to participate with the committee that Representative Nathanson convened over the past 18 months to review current issues with criminal background checks and propose solutions. Actually, Representative Nathanson convened the committee in a direct response to concerns expressed by Eugene ORA members in a meeting at the Pearl Buck Center. We, like all human service agencies, have been frustrated by the multiple checks required on the same person and other cumbersome and unnecessary requirements.

We believe this bill would create a more streamlined, centralized system that will function better not only for the employee, but also the provider and ultimately the vulnerable population ORA members serve.

We commend Representative Nathanson for her efforts and urge the Committee to unanimously recommend this bill for passage.

Thank you.