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To: House Human Services and Housing Committee
From: Leslie Sutton, Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities
Re: **SB 22A**

Chair Tomei and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (“DD Council”) is a federally-mandated State Council on Developmental Disabilities that engages in advocacy, capacity building and systemic change activities. Our mission is to create change that improves the lives of Oregonians with developmental disabilities.

We support SB 22A, which has been generally described as a “cleanup bill,” in that it updates many outdated statutory references related to the developmental disabilities service delivery system. It also prescribes the rights of persons with developmental disabilities who are receiving developmental disability services from the Department of Human Services (“DHS”). We were consulted by DHS about this bill concept and were involved with DHS and other stakeholders in the drafting and review of this bill as it was developed.

We also support the amendments being introduced today to SB 22A, which primarily propose adding statutory language that describes the values that are the foundation for the current system of developmental disability supports and services. This was something that was discussed with DHS and other stakeholders in the development of the bill. We believe it is important to include this values statement as it provides the guiding principles that are behind both the rights statement included in SB 22A and the current system of services and supports that are provided to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.