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of Senator Devlin

Partners *for* Dignity Autonomy & Choice

Empowering Oregonians with Developmental Disabilities

Vote Yes on Senate Bill 559A

Currently, Oregonians with developmental disabilities who are placed in comprehensive care have little choice about where they live or receive services. These decisions are largely driven by their County Developmental Disabilities Program (CDDP) case manager.

In addition, when decisions are made about employment opportunities in group homes, people who receive services within the group home are often given preference for job placement over eligible, qualified people who live outside the group home.

SB 559A gives Oregonians with developmental disabilities a voice in choosing where they live and provides equal opportunity in job placements.

- SB 559A requires CDDP case managers to provide people with disabilities with the opportunity to select from at least three placement options. At least two of the options must be different types of settings (e.g. the choice must not be between three adult foster homes, but it could be between two adult foster homes and one group home). This ensures that Oregonians with developmental disabilities have a voice in determining where they live and receive services.
- SB 559A also ensures that Oregonians with developmental disabilities have equal opportunity for job placements. Job placement for those seeking employment will be determined individually and not based on where the applicant lives.

SB 559A is the product of a stakeholder work group including representatives of consumers, providers, counties and the state.

Oregon's developmental disabilities program provides services for over 21,000 people with developmental disabilities. Choosing where and how we live and participating in our communities are fundamental rights that all Oregon citizens should enjoy.

Partners for Dignity, Autonomy & Choice is committed to helping Oregonians with developmental disabilities live in dignity and maximize self-determination.

We urge your support for SB 559A!



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