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Empowering Oregonians with Developmental Disabilities

Vote Yes on Senate Bill 640A

Senate Bill 640A improves the service reassessment process to meet changing service needs.

Currently, Oregonians with developmental disabilities in comprehensive care are assessed once every five years to determine the funding that their service providers will receive.

If a person's support needs change within the five years between assessments, it is very difficult to receive a reassessment of service needs for appropriate funding. Often, service providers are forced to file an exit notice to force the county to reassess service funding. Even if the provider has no intention of following through with the exit, this process can be disruptive and emotionally harmful to the person receiving services.

- SB 640A mandates that service needs are assessed once every three years or, if a provider requests a reassessment before the three-year period, that a reassessment will be conducted if the provider has documentation that services cannot be provided at the current funding level.
- SB 640A directs DHS to provide the person receiving the services, the service providers, family members, and/or guardians with the service assessment that would show a detailed description of how the rate was assessed and what services are expected to be provided

SB 640A 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 640A!



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