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TO: Senate Human Services and  
Early Learning Committee

From: Jaime Daignault, Executive  
Director, Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities.



RE: SB 617 Establish task force on housing for people with intellectual and  
developmental disabilities

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Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jaime Daignault. I am the Executive Director of the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities, which works to improve the lives of Oregonians with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD). The Council is federally mandated to assure that people with I/DD and their families have access to services that promote the values of self-determination, independence, and inclusion in community life. Housing is a critical service to meet these values.

The Council has offered to staff the task force established under SB 617. We can do this within our existing staffing and funding structures, thereby reducing the fiscal.

The Council has a long history of advocating for real housing for Oregonians with I/DD in their communities. We were very involved with closing the Fairview Training Center and establishing the Fairview Trust. We are excited for this opportunity to help move housing for people with I/DD forward.

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