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RE: SB 104 Testimony

Chair Gelser, Vice-Chair Olsen, and Members of the Committee-

For the record, my name is Angie Allbee, and I am a Legislative Coordinator for the Department of Human Services. I am here today to request that the committee consider SB 104 as introduced.

The passage of SB 104 will result in streamlined access for providers in need of caregivers who have already been thoroughly and appropriately vetted, allow for portability for applicants and providers, reduce unnecessary redundancy, and provide a fiscal savings for the department. Finally, this modification will provide assurance that all individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities will continue to receive support in settings that are healthy, safe, and staffed with qualified providers.

The Department worked with DOJ to get clarification on whether or not an amendment was needed for SB104 to specifically include Residential Training Homes or Residential Training Facilities. Per DOJ, the definition of "care" in ORS 181A.200 is broad enough to include all DHS and ODDS services. That means we can add workers in various service settings to the registry without specifically listing out every setting type.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Angela E. Allbee, Legislative Coordinator Oregon Department of Human Services