

Joint Special Committee On Coronavirus Response

We would like to bring your attention to the petition in the link below.

https://www.change.org/p/oregon-health-authority-covid-19-response-to-support-families-with-disabled-children?recruiter=273307616&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_term=aa5b57e652a145549ad5850f080d0952

It was created by parents of children who experience Intellectual and or Developmental Disabilities in Lane County and is meant to support those who qualify for PSW's and DSP's throughout the state's K-Plan. It invites families, and those who advocate for families, to sign and support an emergency policy change request that would allow parents to become paid care providers for their under age children during this crisis. We strongly believe this exception would reduce family stress and the potential for child placement and family collapse. As of now the petition has been signed by over 775 parents and advocates throughout Oregon in the last 36 hours.

We also submitted written testimony on this same issue on Friday March 20, 2020.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aZINE6DAIDTdmIBylI1DJLWUPUmYB9suoaxoMV0CMZs/edit>

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Stay well and keep up the great work!

Sincerely,
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