

My name is Brent Kell

I serve as CEO of Valley Immediate Care. I am proud to say that we employ several employees who experience developmental and intellectual disabilities.

I cannot imagine several of these people alone in a hospital system. It is difficult enough for those of us who do not experience labeled disabilities to navigate in that setting.

I am also a healthcare administrator and do believe that we can and will provide this needed support safely.

Every Oregonian deserves access to healthcare and support from people they trust and who know them well to help them understand their care and communicate with doctors and other medical professionals. Today, too many people experiencing disability are not able to access healthcare are denied support from people they trust while they are hospitalized or having end of life discussions.

I ask that Legislative Concept (LC 52) be introduced and passed this Special Session so that Oregonians experiencing disability can access healthcare, use support from people they trust while they are hospitalized and have support when making end of life decisions.

Thanks for all you do for Oregonians in this challenging period.

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