

To: Oregon Legislative Special Session 1 Committee

My name is Jenny Carpenter. I am the parent of an individual who experiences disability. I am sending an email in support of Legislative Concept 52 becoming law so no Oregonian with Developmental Disabilities has to experience hospitalization without needed support's for communication, safety and decision making! My son has had many hospitalizations in his life. He needs us with him to communicate for him. He needs us to support him and advocate for him. I can not imagine him having to be in the hospital with us. He is also non verbal and would not be able to communicate for himself.

I am asking that Legislative Concept 52 be passed into law this Special Session so that Oregonians experiencing disability can access healthcare, use support from people they trust while they are hospitalized and also have support when making end of life decisions.

Thank you

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