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Oregon Senate

Committee on Human Services

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Re: SB 493

“Establishes Oregon Human Rights Commission to safeguard dignity and basic human rights of individuals with intellectual or development disabilities...”

The Association of Oregon Centers for Independent Living would like to express its support for SB 493.

We believe that this bill further ensures an individual’s right to independence in choosing the services they receive, and as such, is consistent with the philosophy and values of the Independent Living Movement. We further recommend that a representative from a Center for Independent Living be considered as a potential member of the Oregon Human Rights Commission, serving as a person living with a disability and as a disability rights advocate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment.

Respectfully,

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