

SPOKES Unlimited



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People with Disabilities

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Our Mission:

*To provide services designed to
enhance the ability of people
with disabilities to live more
independently*

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Endorsement of Oregon House Bill 3122

*The following is respectfully submitted to be included in the Public
Record as supplemental Public Comment to hearings held in March
2019 re HB 3122*

March 14, 2019

The Oregon Legislature, House of Representatives
Committee of Human Services and Housing
Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer, Chair
900 Court St. NE Room H-272
Salem OR 97301

Rep.AlissaKenyGuyer@oregonlegislature.gov

Honorable Chair Kenny-Guyer and Committee Members:

As an Executive Director for SPOKES Unlimited from Klamath Falls, I
Curtis Raines am writing to you to speak out in support of House Bill
3122:

*Requires Department of Human Services to request in agency
request budget and Governor to include in Governor's budget
specified amount of General Fund moneys for distribution to centers
for independent living.*

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in Oregon play a critical role in
empowering people with disabilities to find a voice and to advocate
for resources to meet their needs. Access to CIL peer counselors is
a unique resource not available at other safety net service agencies.
People with disabilities find their voices at CILs!

We need robust CIL peer counseling services across Oregon for our
agency and state services to be successful. CILs provide a
foundation for accessing services.

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HB 3122 is a measured plan for expanding CIL service capacity to reach 5% of people with disabilities over a 10 year period (2019 – 2029), and to extend CIL services statewide during that period.

Please support

- parity for peer-based CIL safety net funding for people with disabilities and
- investment in the basic civil rights of the often disenfranchised people with disabilities in Oregon.

Chair Keny-Guyer and committee members, please support and promote legislative passage of HB 3122!

People with disabilities have a civil right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” in Oregon but they experience economic and societal barriers at every turn to experiencing these opportunities.

Your support for this legislation will help to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities on Oregon for generations to come!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Raines". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Curtis Raines, Executive Director

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