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TO: Senate Committee on Human Services

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Subject: SB 491, Fairview Housing Trust

Introduction:

When Oregon closed its institutions for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities it made an important promise: to never institutionalize people with intellectual or developmental disabilities again. To keep that promise, the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services works to ensure individuals who have left institutions receive appropriate support to be able to live successfully in a community setting.

Background:

The Fairview Trust Account was established in 1999 and is largely compiled of proceeds from the sale of the Fairview Training Center in 2003. Currently, five percent of the proceeds in the account, plus interest earned, can be spent on projects overseen by a Trust Advisory Committee.

What the bill does:

Senate Bill 491 transfers the funds in the Developmental Disabilities Community Housing Trust Account, commonly known as the Fairview Trust, from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to the Oregon Community Foundation for community housing for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. This bill also establishes reporting requirements for the Oregon Community Foundation regarding the use of funds and balance, and reimbursement requirements for any unauthorized expenditures.

The -2 amendment establishes a committee to advise and consult on the management of the funds, establishes reporting requirements for the Oregon Community Foundation and removes the requirement for the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services to include revenues and expenditures as a part of the agency budget submission to the Governor and Legislative Assembly.