

May 8, 2019

TO: Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer, Chair
House Committee on Human Services and Housing
FR: Bob Joondeph, Policy Consultant
RE: Support for SB 20A

Disability Rights Oregon (DRO) is the designated Protection and Advocacy agency for Oregon. DRO is mandated by federal and state law to advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities.

As Oregon's model for providing services to individuals with IDD continues to evolve, so too must its supporting statutory framework. SB 20A aligns Oregon's service approach with state statute. It incorporates many of the values that are important to the IDD community, recognizing the importance of choice, integration and full participation.

We thank ODDS and stakeholders for working collaboratively to clarify and improve the original bill. SB 20A now reflects both the evolution and values of Oregon's IDD service system.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this support for SB 20A.