

Statement of Matthew Dawson in support of SB 700

As a survivor, researcher, and advocate working in the field of brain injury rehabilitation, I'm writing to express my strong support for SB 700. The establishment of a brain injury service/resource coordination program in Oregon will allow for simplification of navigating the medical system and finding community resources for those living with brain injury as well as less strain on family members and friends supporting people with brain injury. Although each person living with brain injury will experience their own set of challenges, memory impairment and difficulty with organization and planning are common. Challenges such as these make navigating complex medical systems and locating resources impossible for some. By establishing a brain injury service/resource coordination program, all of the answers to questions one may have after experiencing a brain injury will be in one place. This makes getting access to care and resources possible for those that are most affected by their injury.

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