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**DATE:** March 19, 2021  
**TO:** Senate Health Care Committee  
**Re:** IDSP POLICY POSITION for SENATE BILL 700

**ISSUER:**

Institute for Disability Studies and Policy (IDSP)  
Dr. William Toombs, Chief Research Officer

**IDSP POLICY POSITION FOR SB 700:**

SB 700 would create an Oregon Brain Injury Trust Fund Board to administer programs paid for by Oregon Brain Injury Trust Fund to provide service coordination and skills training to individuals with brain injuries, provide educational information to increase awareness and understanding of issues and needs related to brain injuries and to provide grants to support research into the treatment of brain injuries.

The IDSP research team concludes that the passage of SB 700 has the potential to benefit persons with disabilities from all demographic categories, improve educational outcomes, prevent incarcerations, prevent institutionalization, and enhance Oregon's independent living program.

## **ISSUER BACKGROUND:**

Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living (EOCIL) is a global cross-disability resource and advocacy center that promotes independent living and equal access for all persons with disabilities. EOCIL has two primary functions:

1. To operate the Institute for Disability Studies and Policy (IDSP). Through the IDSP's core research and policy officers, the IDSP provides original and scholarly actionable research for disability systems change to enhance independent living, equitable access to services and resources, and universal human rights.
2. To provide peer-based services to people with disabilities living in eastern Oregon. Based in Ontario, Oregon, with additional offices in Pendleton and The Dalles, EOCIL serves consumers in 13 central and eastern Oregon counties: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Wheeler.