

Equity for all Oregonians means ALL Oregonians have an equal opportunity to prosper through their employment, regardless of disability. Health and employment should never be mutually exclusive—for anyone. Medicaid asset and income restrictions are unjust and inequitable and should not exist. These restrictions are regressive, archaic, and discriminatory, and they serve as a hurdle to achieving prosperity and both physical and financial stability. The employed Oregonian with a disability, who buys-in to Medicaid for the long-term supports and services they need to thrive, can never take a pay raise, even if they merit it, without risking losing their health benefits. If our elected leaders wish to serve ALL their constituents, as they should, they must confront these unfair restrictions as the evidence of systemic discrimination that they are.

I have a loved one in my life that would be greatly and positively impacted by the passing of this bill. Everyone in her life wants to see her flourish without the limits that the State has imposed on her for simply being a person with a disability. This bill is a good start.

Please support Senate Bill 584!

Thank you,

Keegan Stevenson