

Talent, Oregon
February 1, 2022

Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Robinson and Members of the Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery Committee:

I am writing as a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Oregon, Ashland where I serve as a member of the Public Policy Committee. I express my strong support for House Bill 1556.

As a Registered Nurse, I know the importance of consumers and families seeking health services to know that the caregiver that they hired are a competent individual who has met all of the requirements the job. In addition, a public certification process can lead to better compensation for these challenging jobs.

Homecare workers will be able to access their own records which can be helpful if they wish to advance in the healthcare field.

Since our population is aging, there will be a greater need for homecare workers and personal attendants who are qualified to provide that care.

I urge you to vote yes on House Bill 1556.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Representative Pam Marsh
Senator Jeff Golden