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DATE: February 1, 2023

- **TO:** Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Member of the House Committee on Revenue
- **Re:** Negative Impact of House Bill 2089

ISSUER:

EOCIL's Institute for Disability Studies and Policy (IDSP) W. Kirt Toombs, Chief Executive Officer

IDSP POLICY POSITION FOR HB 2089:

HB 2089 directs the Department of Revenue to transfer specific amounts of moneys from the Oregon Marijuana Account to cities and counties in this state and to the State of Police Account.

The IDSP research team concludes that the passage of <u>HB 2089 would have a</u> <u>negative impact</u> on persons with disabilities statewide and from all demographic categories. It will decrease trauma-informed services provided by Measure 110 community-based organizations, decrease positive health outcomes of individuals that seek trauma-informed substance use treatment,

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support the systemic bias and stigmatization, incarceration, and institutionalization of persons that use substances, and conflict with Oregon's adopted State Plan for Independent Living.

ISSUER BACKGROUND:

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

- 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.
- To provide peer-based services to people with disabilities living in eastern Oregon. Based in Ontario, Oregon, with additional offices in Burns, La Grande, Pendleton, and The Dalles, EOCIL provides services to individuals with disabilities in 13 central and eastern Oregon counties: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Wheeler.