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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

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Testimony in support of HB 2457

My name is JoAnna King, Manager of Account at Central Oregon Collective, a not-for-profit organization that supports about 50 Oregon citizens with disabilities and 80 staff in Deschutes County.

I am writing in support of HB 2457. This bill would ensure that our staff would make 150% of minimum wage, as well as covers the increase cost from the Paid Leave Oregon Payroll Expense.

Due to staffing shortages, we have applicants demanding higher wages just to start, our pre existing staff is wanting higher wages for retention. This seems to be our counties toughest staffing crisis to date.

Please vote yes on HB 2457. Our staff and the people they support are counting on your support!