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Among the many lessons we learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, one was the incredible value of our hardworking and dedicated Direct Support Professionals. These vital and essential healthcare workers deserve a living wage. They provide critical supports to people who experience I/DD, and while they have job duties which often times exceed those of certified nursing assistants, their work is not currently valued in the same way due to funding gaps. HB 2457 bridges this gaps. It provides a living wage for DSP's, and stability for the Oregonians who depend on their support.