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On Behalf Of: Self  
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services  
Measure: SB576

To: Oregon Senate Committee on Human Services

From: Franklin Terry Ouchida

Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

My testimony is in support of SB 576.

I am a life time resident of Oregon in Clackamas county. For the past 10 years I have severely physically disabled caused by a swine flu vaccine. I am a quadriplegic full time wheelchair user.

My mental health has been severely impacted by not being able to work or be useful to my community, although I have volunteered for many positions at non-profit Oregon Spinal Cord Injury Connection, Disabled Parking Enforcement and am on many committees counsels.

I would like to be Community Health Workers (CHWs). Working with clients who all live with a spinal cord injury and other wheelchair users with paralysis. But the recurrent theme of impact about men asset and income eligibility restrictions on my employment opportunities.

Not only me but I hear reports of people only taking a part time position and live with relatives rather than take the same position as a full-time opportunity Many employers couldn't or wouldn't offer health insurance to cover their needs and they cannot afford to lose the health coverage provided by Medicaid

I can not jeopardize my benefits as well. Not being able to full fill my desire to directly benefit the disability community in a larger of a role as I would want to because of restrictions of losing my benefits .

For the good of the community in whole disabled or abled please support this legislation. We disabled can be a important, useful part of the community we serve.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Ouchida  
Volunteer activities:

Outdoor program Coordinator for Oregon Spinal Cord Injury  
Disable Parking Enforcement #88  
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