

Submitter: Adam Barnhart

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

Hello,

My name is Adam Barnhart. I am a Community Employment Assistant Manager for the Pearl Buck Center. I started with PBC as a job coach in 2020 and am still actively job coaching our individuals that we serve every week. Prior to working at PBC, I spent 4 years working as a DSP in 24-hour residential care homes. I enjoy supporting our individuals and in many ways, is my favorite part of my job. However, we have had high turnover in my department due to low wages that has significantly affected our ability to serve our individuals. I am writing in support of HB 2457 that ensures that DSPs get the wages they deserve, by moving DSP wages to 150% of minimum wage and covers the Paid Leave Oregon Payroll Expense.

Please vote yes on HB 2457. DSPs, the people they support and their families are counting on your support!