

Joint Ways and Means Committee Members,

Good afternoon,

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 covering the Paid Leave Oregon Payroll Expense. As a staff member at Albertina Kerr I see the impactful work of our DSPs each and every day as they work with our clients. Please vote yes on HB 2457. DSPs, the people they support and their families are counting on your support!

"Please prioritize DD wages and support full funding of IDD services in HB 5026. I am asking that you not only protect your previous investment, but that you continue to help move this workforce out of crisis by supporting HB 2457 - it moves DSP wages to 150% of minimum wage."

Thank you
Michelle Kidwell