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On Behalf
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Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human
Services

Measure: HB5026

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. I serve on the Governing Board of Albertina Kerr. The increased wages for DSPs would positively impact the services our clients receive. It would also help our DSPs and staff to better live their lives! They are the KEY to empowering Oregon's citizens that have intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health challenges and other social barriers to lead self-determined lives and reach their full potential. Please pass this bill. Thank you!