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On Behalf

Of:

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've been a volunteer at Albertina Kerr for the past 7 years and have seen the great impact of their services. DSPs are responsible for much of the day to day impact made and they are extremely difficult to hire and retain. Please support this bill to ensure our community can provide IDD services.