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DATE: March 2, 2023  
TO: Joint Subcommittee On Human Services  
FROM: Alex Cuyler, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Manager  
RE: Full Funding for I/DD Case Managers, HB 5026

Dear Co-Chair Campos, Co-Chair Valderrama, and Members of the Committee:

Lane County wishes to offer its full support for the full funding for Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDPs). Oregonians with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) can live their best life when they have access to case managers who often become the link to achieving a higher quality of life. Beyond ensuring individuals receive the services they need, staff also play a critical role in ensuring the safety of individuals through monitoring appropriate medication administration and employing abuse investigations.

CDDPs provide case management services to individuals with I/DD in all 36 counties of Oregon. These programs recruit and facilitate the licensing of both child and adult foster homes for people with I/DD. While many individuals reside in foster or group homes, the most growth we have experienced has been individuals receiving services in their own home. Case managers are essential in confirming these services are in place and monitored to ensure this vulnerable population are safe.

The complexity of needs of people Lane County served has expanded. Many individuals have co-occurring behavioral health needs and are victims of the housing crisis that is affecting our communities. The services we provide have included helping people access housing, behavioral health supports, and placements in group and foster homes when necessary. This also means accessing placements to ensure people with I/DD are able to return to their communities from emergency rooms, jails, and the Oregon State Hospital. The workforce shortage has impacted the services provided to individuals with I/DD, leading case managers to be called upon to provide extra support to ensure people who are receiving the critical services necessary to survive. Assuring adequate CDDP staffing is vital in ensuring placements are available for individuals who need this level of care.

Meaningful strides have been made to fully funding this budget, we have not been able to reach funding at 100%. The reality is that full funding is critical to covering the costs to recruit and retain a skilled workforce and manage the increasing costs resulting from inflation. Full funding is critical for the programs to continue to perform the critical services necessary to support the health and safety of individuals with I/DD.

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY ALEX CUYLER, LANE COUNTY  
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