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**DATE:** 2023/03/17

**TO:** Senator Sara Gelsler Blouin, Vice-Chair Senator Art Robinson and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

**Re:** Positive Impact of Senate Bill 99

**ISSUER:**

EOCIL's Institute for Disability Studies and Policy (IDSP)  
W. Kirt Toombs, Chief Executive Officer

**IDSP POLICY POSITION FOR SB 99**

SB 99 Requires Department of Human Services to study department's processes for delivering services to aging adults. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services not later than September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025.

The IDSP research team concludes that the passage of **SB 99 would have a significant statewide positive impact** on persons with disabilities that are members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. SB 99 will improve health outcomes, access to accessible housing, and long-term supports. SB 99 supports Oregon's adopted Oregon State Plan for Independent Living.

## **ISSUER BACKGROUND:**

Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living (EOCIL) is a global cross-disability resource and advocacy center that promotes independent living and equal access for all persons with disabilities. EOCIL has two primary functions:

1. To operate the Institute for Disability Studies and Policy (IDSP). Through the IDSP's core research and policy officers, the IDSP provides original and scholarly actionable research for disability systems change to enhance independent living, equitable access to services and resources, and universal human rights.
2. To provide peer-based services to people with disabilities living in eastern Oregon. Based in Ontario, Oregon, with additional offices in Burns, La Grande, Pendleton, and The Dalles, EOCIL provides services to individuals with disabilities in 13 central and eastern Oregon counties: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Wheeler.