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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure: SB5506

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

I'm writing to raise attention to the SB91, which will help our states most vulnerable disabled children. We need to properly fund this important bill.

1. raise the \$3 million cap! Without a larger budget, this program will help very few children, regardless of the eligibility described in the bill.
2. add the ability to use the funds from other programs that would have been spent on these children and families, such as K plan, to fund SB91. This also includes the savings Oregon will see with healthier and more financially stable families who are less reliant on other forms of assistance.

I understand that Ways and Means is also considering HB 2457, which would tie DSP wages to 150 percent of minimum wage. The fiscal analysis states that it will cost \$325 million general fund (\$921 million total fund). These bills are trying to help similar populations. Can you tie the funding together for SB91, as it should be?

Thank you,
Theresa Jahangir