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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB4129

To whom it may concern -

I would highly appreciate your support on bill HB4129 home care modernization act. I have worked as a homecare worker in other states and while in Oregon was an Oregon Department of Human Services case manager for Medicaid long term care for 4 years. I've promoted in my career but continue 8+ years of state service but learned so much in these roles. People want to live in their homes as they age as long as possible and caregivers make that happen. Improving the homecare systems will increase folks working in the field and improve retention among current homecare workers. It costs the state tens of thousands of dollars a month for one person to live in a skilled nursing facility and slightly less \$7-8k a month for assisted living care. In home care with home care workers coming to help still is easily the most cost effective solution to folks needing help as they get older. Think about what you would want when you're retired and needing some help as things start to fall apart. Imagine your parents or grandparents what their wishes for their final years are or would be. Help bolster this system so it can improve as our baby boomers are retiring and it's a silver tsunami in the Aging and People with Disabilities world.

I would be honored if you support this bill, HB4129 and fix things before it falls apart.

Thank you,

-Allyse Lee

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