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On Behalf Of: Self Advocates Taking Action  
Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3835

Dear Members of the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services,

I'm Fengxian Yuàn and I'm a person who experiences an intellectual disability and receives Case Management Services from a brokerage in Multnomah County. I'm part of (SATA) Self Advocates Taking Action is a disability advocacy group in the Portland metro area. I'm here today to share my personal experiences and share the negative impact why we should not pass HB 385. I have personal lived experiences being sent to a Social Welfare Institution. I was found abandoned inside a waiting room in a cardboard box with 1 package of milk powder and a baby carrier at a railway station in Nánning, China when I was 5 days old. That experience for me as a baby and having to go through that was very isolating for me and it led to developmental delays, cognitive delays. My days spent in the Social Welfare Institute as a baby were being left in my crib, unattended or lying on the linoleum floor with the other babies that were around my age at that time. We have a long history of institutions in our country and as well in Oregon that were harmful to children and adults with disabilities and they still have that trauma. DON'T PASS HB 385.

Sincerely,  
Fengxian Yuan