

Submitter: Michael Sturgis

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5526

Honorable representatives,

My name is Michael Sturgis. I am the Facilities Coordinator at Pearl Buck Center in Eugene. My job is to take care of the small fixes, move equipment, and make sure the building stays clean and safe for our staff and clients.

Every day I see the dedication of our Direct Support Professionals to the work they do here and the work they do to help our clients across our community. Some come with the brightest hope for their client's futures and their desire to commit themselves to helping on throughout their careers. All too often I hear the reason that some staff are moving on is not lack of desire, certainly not the lack of clients to help, but they simply cannot keep themselves moving forward without adequate compensation. When they struggle and worry about their own future it makes it more difficult to give themselves fully to the people they serve here.

I whole heartedly encourage you to support SB5526 and those that provide these critical and much needed services here at Pearl Buck Center, Lane County, and throughout our great compassionate state of Oregon.

Thank you,  
Michael Sturgis