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On Behalf Of: SB20  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human Services  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5526

Dear Committee Co-Chairs Campos and Valderrama, and fellow members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services,

I am providing testimony in support of SB20 being FULLY FUNDED within ODHS's budget. I believe people with severe disabilities who can work but still need caregiving support from the state should be allowed to do so. I have personally benefited from having the opportunity to work alongside people with a range of disabilities, and their lived experience is an immensely valuable contribution to business and community. I believe working people with disabilities better provide for themselves and our community when they have access to the care they need that does not penalize them by inflicting income and asset caps. Surely a working adult should be able to save more than \$5000 without risking losing all of the care and medical support they would need to survive. It doesn't seem responsible to create barriers for folks who want the opportunity to work, contribute, grow, and provide in the communities in which they live.

Thank you for your time,  
Janell Watt