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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1505

I oppose SB 1505, and I urge you to oppose this bill, also. SB 1505 would create the Workforce Standards Board for Home and Community-Based Services. This board will cost millions of dollars and take money away from services during a time of budget cuts. It will have a negative effect on individuals with IDD (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) by establishing a board with huge powers that only includes two members of the IDD community in its makeup. The board would only need one public hearing to make huge changes to wages benefits, trainings, and rules. The rules it makes would deeply affect the choices individuals with IDD have regarding the support they receive in their homes. People in the IDD community need more choices, not less. As a state, we need to make better use of funds and provide more direct services instead of wasting money on unneeded, expensive oversight boards.