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My name is Bobbie Jones and I work as a home care worker and dsp. I live in Corvallis and care for several elderly clients and a teenager in my community. I have been doing this work for 4 years. I was drawn to this work because I saw the lack of care that many seniors received in my community and I really wanted to help. I know that some companies invest in thier services and when you take care of your workers, they can make a good living they can keep on doing this work. And that means that our most vulnerable receive better care. I also know that some companies do not. I have seen how a lack of training, high workloads and poor investments can lead to bad outcomes for the client. This can really harm our seniors and vulnerable neighbors that are relying on us. Most of us can't afford the \$8,000 or more that it costs to live in a care home. We need to make sure that standards for care work are high enough to keep workers in these jobs and our seniors are cared for. I support SB 1505 because raising the minimum standard in DD is the right thing to do for seniors and workers.