

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1505

My name is Megan Purington, and I am the Red Carpet Team Coordinator with Partnerships in Community Living, Inc.. I am testifying against the SB 1505 that would significantly cause steps backwards within restorative justice for those who are receiving services within the ID/DD community. Direct Support Professionals are the ones who are providing the support to these individual people. This includes, and not limited to, personal care, social engagement and enrichment, medical care, connections to the community, skill building, and asking 'what more is possible?'. Our workforce needs stability and retention to continue to serve, protect, and enhance the lives of those who utilize services. We know the answer is needing more finances, not another board that will take away from the finances and not fix the actual problems. Protect the wages and rate increases of Direct Support Professionals. Oppose this bill. Find the resources without adding an arbitrary board. Thank you.