

Submitter: Meghan Butler
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1505

Chair Jama, Vic-Chair Starr & respected committee members,

I'm Meghan Butler, Residential manager of Edwards Center, where we have been honored to have served people with intellectual & developmental disabilities for more than 50 years.

You've no doubt read SB1505 as closely & carefully as I have. In my role as a person responsible for ensuring that people with intellectual & developmental disabilities are appropriately supported in their homes, and communities, I have to always ask "how will this benefit the people we serve?", SB1505 WILL NOT benefit them. It will also not benefit the DSP's who provide the services. SB1505 will add bureaucracy & expense to a system already overburdened by both.

We, at Edwards Center, are incentivized to provide the most competitive wage & best working conditions with the limited number of resources we already have. SB1505 adds layers of complexity & expense to an already underfunded system.

I urge you to vote NO on SB1505. It will take the authority to make new employment & workplace laws away from you, our elected officials, and give that authority to an unelected board. Even worse than that it redirects the very limited, precious resources away from people who already receive too little of them through lawsuits & penalties. The people we serve, and the people providing those services, are counting on YOU to make the right choice!

Respectfully,
Meghan Butler
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