



February 5, 2026

Chairman Jama, Vice-Chair Starr and respected committee members,

I am Kathleen Autrey, I am a resident of Washington County, OR and I have worked with the Edwards Center as the Director of Finance for 35 years. I have seen how the effects of funding cuts and freezes for Residential, Employment and Community Living Services have impacted on our employees and the individuals we serve. A new layer of bureaucracy would be even more detrimental to those we serve, as well as our staff. I do not understand how this bill would benefit the people we serve or the DSP's work provide their supports. Agencies such as ours already struggle with the current underfunded sytes.

ODDS, through the Oregon Administrative Rules and licensing reviews, ensures that providers meet the standards the Legislature has established. Please **do not** allow this bill to pass!

SB1505 creates an unelected board that would replace your authority. PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON THIS BILL.

Please, please, consider the impact this would have and **VOTE NO!**

Respectfully,

Kathleen Autrey
Director of Finance