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On Behalf Of:

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Respectfully submitted to those who serve on this committee:

With over 35 years in service to seniors, children and adults with disabilities, I can understand why this bill as written seems to be a positive thing. But in those 35 years I have watched the bureaucracy and administrative burden increase, rather than shore up the existing rules and organizations charged with addressing the issues outlined in this bill. The duties of this proposed board and literally every item listed is already the responsibility of an existing state agency, or is addressed in Administrative Rule and Statutes.

The analysis and reporting around labor and workforce issues is already the purview of Workforce Investment Boards who, at the local level, can address areas of concern. WIOA assures this. The needs and issues of this workforce vary significantly around the state and another board, at a macro level, that has no substantive power to make changes, will result in another level of oversight. This bill will take effort AWAY from positive solutions that are in the works.

Thank you, Jessica Leitner
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