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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1505

This bill will create confusing wage and benefit standards that mean nothing if not funded by the legislature. It also standardized services that are anything but standard, as there are many different IDD services and each is uniquely designed to meet the needs and desires of the person using the service. Do not remove choice and individualism for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Providers already pass on any rate increases to their Direct Support Professionals. This is evidenced by the Rate and Wage study that shows an average wage that is well above what is being reimbursed. The Rate and Wage model also gives you the tools and information you need to fairly increase wages and benefits to a sustainable level. Don't waste funding on a board to tell you this. You already paid for the study.

I urge you to vote NO on SB 1505. Do not allow an unelected board to take sweeping control of these services.

Sincerely,

Patrice Godfrey