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TO: House Committee On Human Services
FROM: Jake Cornett, Disability Rights Oregon
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RE: SB 1532 A - Support

Chair Hartman, Vice-Chair Scharf, Vice-Chair Walters, and members of the House Committee On Human Services,

My name is Jake Cornett, and I am submitting testimony on behalf of Disability Rights Oregon (DRO), Oregon's Protection and Advocacy System for people with disabilities. DRO supports SB 1532 A.

SB 1532 A advances meaningful, practical safeguards for Oregonians who rely on long term care, community-based disability services, and the child welfare system. The bill's comprehensive approach reflects a clear commitment to safety, accountability, and service quality across multiple systems. We want to highlight two particularly important issues addressed in SB 1532 A.

Protecting Residents in Long Term Care and Residential Care Settings

SB 1532 A strengthens DHS oversight tools when an "immediate jeopardy" situation exists—situations where noncompliance has caused or is likely to cause serious harm or death to a resident. The bill clarifies when DHS must impose license conditions in response to a preliminary or substantiated finding of immediate jeopardy and includes clear parameters for notice and documentation. These provisions promote timely intervention to protect residents when serious risks are identified.

Strengthening Transparency and Resident-Centered Choices Regarding In-Room Monitoring

SB 1532 A directs DHS to adopt a model consent form for the use of a video camera or other electronic monitoring device in a resident's room in a residential care facility. DRO supports this as an important step toward consistent, informed, and transparent use of monitoring tools—centered on consent.

In conclusion, we urge the Committee to support SB 1532 A.

If you have any questions regarding DRO's position on this legislation, please call Hans Bernard or email him at hans@growthconsulting.net.

About Disability Rights Oregon

Since 1977 Disability Rights Oregon has been the State's Protection and Advocacy System.¹ We are authorized by Congress to protect, advocate, and enforce the rights of people with

¹ See ORS 192.517.

disabilities under the U.S. Constitution and Federal and State laws, investigate abuse and neglect of people with disabilities, and “pursue administrative, legal, and other appropriate remedies”.² We are also mandated to "educate policymakers" on matters related to people with disabilities.³

² See 42 U.S.C. § 15041 et seq; 42 U.S.C. § 10801 et seq.

³ See 42 U.S. Code § 15043(a)(2)(L).