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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

I have been in the field since I was 18 years old and now 33. I am currently the Director over a day program. I also pick up in our homes both behavioral and non. I am currently salary but volunteer many hours to the individuals we serve. This takes away time from my kids and family, but as staff we are all some of these individuals have. They consider us their families and look for us to care for them in every way possible. As staff I am not just a body. I cook, clean, shower, toilet, pass meds, change linens, take them out into the community, grocery shop, and so much more. My title as a DSP holds many roles and the dire need of wage increase so that we can get more staff is now. This field has grown so much over the years, and we are looking to better the lives of every individual that we serve.