## Diane Strait Testimony on HB 33 Supporting the DD Workforce

As a mother/guardian of two developmentally disabled daughters I need help from direct support professionals- it is a must. I have had to become an independent provider to meet a large percentage of this need but I am older and I get tired and I won't always be here. We must do everything possible to have more DSPs. Make this position professional and recognize those who serve as essential workers in all aspects: pay, privilege and benefits. Without DSPs our folks have no life.