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Testimony on HB 33  
Supporting the DD Workforce

I am an Autistic adult who worked as a DSP before having to quit due to low wages. I entered the field in order to be a point of transition between the primarily neurotypical workforce and the people served. Unfortunately at \$14 an hour, a higher end of pay for Direct Support, it was not enough to support myself and I couldn't support my individuals.