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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

I have a son he is 29 years old. His name is Luke he has seizures. He has 47XXY Klinefelter's nonverbal in diapers and dose not comprehend and he has a lot of behavior issues .we have been through seven day programs for him some could not handle his behaviors. Some day programs were understaffed and couldn't handle him. or keep him safe from walking out of the buildings. It is a shame that he has no activity during the day or going out in public. with a day program most all day programs that we have been to are basically like learning centers, kids and adults that can comprehend somewhat where my son does not comprehend or follow instructions so therefore he stays home with me I had to stop working so I can give him the care that he needs, and it is hard my husband is the only one that works. I don't understand why the government does not pay for parents that have to quit their jobs to watch their child because he is not accepted in any day programs. It is also hard for one parent to take a child out in the community when they have behaviors it just doesn't seem fair to me. Luke should be able to go out and somewhat have a little bit of a life and happiness out in this world. instead of being stuck at home all day walking around.the house they need socialization like everybody just because they have disabilities. Does not mean that they have to be a prisoner of their own home. Thank you for listening to Luke's story and taking the time to read it.