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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

The intermediate Care facility where my son lives is chronically short-staffed so there's not enough people there to ever adequately care for the residents. Their life pretty much consists of daily living at the facility rather than being able to go on outings and other things that would enrich their lives because of the short staffing problem. My son has some physical activities he's supposed to be doing everyday but many times there are not they are too short staffed for him to be able to do the physical activities that his doctor has prescribed. The facility refuses to transport my son on visits to my house because of the fact that they're short staffed and don't want to waste a staff person to the task of just transporting one individual somewhere. And the staff sometimes can be just very lazy. They don't feel they're paid enough to make any effort. Or maybe it's the low pay doesn't attract quality employees.