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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

My daughter is 38 and lives independently with 20 hours of service a day. Over the last three years we have used independent and 3 companies to provide the DSP's needed. We have not had one week of complete services provided and spend multiple days each week to cover shifts due to the lack of DSP's. It is assumed that her natural supports will cover any and all shifts that staff does not want to work. We are also responsible for all appointments and many of her social activities. We have lost count of the number of staff that have come into her apartment. The DSPs are not trained adequately and many lack any responsibility to what their jobs should be. Companies send a body to fill shifts regardless of the tasks are needed to be completed. In my opinion if you have a child who receives services from a DSP you can never die and they will not be cared for appropriately.