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Testimony on HB 33  
Supporting the DD Workforce

Before the Covid-19 pandemic, I was working full time, I had medical insurance for myself & entire family. I was already having trouble with keeping a day care provider because it was only on a part time basis. The agencies frowned on part time because they weren't making any money from providing services for my daughter. Then my daughter could no longer go to work & I was fortunate enough to work from home. Then I had to return back to work. I could not find a day care provider for my child. so, I had to apply for "Shared Living". When I passed all the requirements, I had to quit my full-time job with benefits so I could take care of my daughter. I lost my insurance, Children that I have custody of got Medicaid. But I made too much money for Medicaid therefore, I have to pay for my medical insurance. I want to buy medical insurance for my family. because Medicaid recipients get pushed back or delayed when they need to have a procedure.