## Denise Bolen Testimony on HB 33 Supporting the DD Workforce 3/22/23

I am the sister and legal guardian of a very special lady. We personally have experienced the impact of the DD crisis. We appreciate the staff that cares for my sister and her housemates, but it is get increasingly harder on them to give proper care with the staff shortage. They are working longer hours and at times there may not be enough staff to take the ladies to appointments, events, etc. The residents as well as the staff are suffering. It is vital to hire and retain good DSP.