

March 7, 2022

Senate Finance Committee

SB 868- Developmental Disabilities Administration – Self-Directed Services (Self-Direction Act of 2022)

and

Health and Government Operations Committee

HB 1020- Developmental Disabilities Administration – Self-Directed Services (Self-Direction Act of 2022)

Position: Favorable

I would like to register our support for HB1020/SB868.

My Regina has a developmental disability and has been in DDA services since 2004. She has been in the Self-Directed Services program since 2007. I support all of those items proposed:

1. Case managers (CCS-es) will be better trained in self-direction and will fully orient new and current participants about self-direction annually (PCP).
2. Reinstate Support Broker roles and increase hours available where needed.
3. Reinstate Self-Directed Overnight Supports (this waiver service removed in 2018)
4. No Prohibition to Having Family as Staff per CMS rules
5. Transparency in Person Centered Planning (PCP) – ability to track
6. Mileage Reimbursement for Specialized Vehicles
7. Remove Competency Requirements in Favor of Team Support
8. Parity in Budgets/Services – SD doesn't have all needed services
9. Individual Family Directed Goods & Services (IFDGS) to be more flexible per needs
10. Progress Report to Legislature Annually – 3 years

Please vote to recommend passage of this bill out of committee. As a family member of someone with a developmental disability, I ask for your uncompromising support of our right to choose the types and intensity of supports and services we receive, so that we have control over how we want to live our own lives.

Thank you!

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