

Witness Testimony about BRFA (HB352/SB362)

To my Representatives and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

Pleas remove from the above referenced bill any reference to Article-Health-General Section 7-101 and Section 7-409. Leave all the provisions of the Self Direction Act of 2022 intact. Do not allow the Developmental Disabilities Administration to place an arbitrary limit on Individual-Directed and Family-Directed Goods and Services (IFGDS) for individuals in the self-directed service model. This would be disastrous for our community and for my family in particular. As the parent of a Developmentally Disabled Adult, I need him to be able to access the supports he needs.

IFDGS funding helps disabled individuals stay healthy, safe and participatory members of their community. IFDGS supports their independence.

Thank you for reading my testimony. I hope you will keep individuals like my son, and their families at the forefront as you consider this legislation.

*Dana Smith*

