

Committee:	Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Bill Number:	Senate Bill 838 – Transportation – Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Service - Funding
Hearing Date:	March 10, 2022
Position:	Support

The Coordinating Center supports *Senate Bill 838 – Transportation – Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Service - County Funding.* The bill requires a separate, minimum appropriation of \$4.3 million to support transportation services for people who are disabled or elderly.

Our organization's mission is to support our clients in the community in achieving their aspirations for independence, health, and meaningful community life. Under programs sponsored by the Department of Health, we provide care coordination services for individuals with complex, medical conditions. While some limited transportation support is available under Medicaid for medical appointments, there is no transportation support for activities of daily living, such as grocery shopping, meeting family, or attending community events. Individuals with disabilities cannot participate meaningfully in their communities without transportation support.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at <u>relliott@policypartners.net</u>.