



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 13, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation – HB 5026A

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this explanation of my NAY vote on HB 5026A. There are several portions in HB 5026A that I strongly support, such as increased wages for our direct care workers.

I do have serious concerns regarding the actual disbursement of funds through the Department of Human Services (DHS) as there has been a track record of the agency using funds in areas that were not approved legislatively. I will refer to testimony in the Joint Committee on Ways and means Subcommittee on Human Services work session hearing on June 5th which further elaborate these concerns.

I opposed HB 5026A due to the above reasons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A Scharf".

Anna Scharf
State Representative – HD 23