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April 19, 2021

To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders  
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services  
Subject: Disability voices needed on Human Rights Commission

We need your help! Two positions in the new Human Rights Commission still need to be filled.

**Please consider applying to be a member of the Commission, if you are:**

- a sibling of a person with intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD), or
- part of a disability advocacy organization

Do you fit in one of those roles? Are you interested in people's rights? If so, please apply!

These two positions bring the voice of people with disabilities and their families to this important work.

The Human Rights Commission is a result of an Oregon law ([Senate Bill 493](#)). The Commission's role is to safeguard the dignity and basic human rights of people with I/DD. The Commission will be an important resource for people in I/DD in Oregon and we encourage anyone who might be interested in being a member of the Commission to learn more about it.

The law specifies membership for people in certain roles (like being a person with I/DD or a service provider). It's also important that the Commission reflect the diversity of our state and the people we support.

Please review the attached flyer for details about membership and how to apply. The Governor's Office is accepting [applications](#) for Commission members now. Please apply by June 1, 2021.

We encourage you to share the flyer broadly. If you have questions about the Commission or the open positions, please contact Brooke Hall, 971-707-3847, [brooke.m.hall@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:brooke.m.hall@dhsosha.state.or.us).

Please help us spread the word!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty  
Director  
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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# Seeking applicants for Human Rights Commission

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## **How to apply**

The Governor appoints the members of the Commission. Apply online at

[https://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/How\\_To\\_Apply.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/How_To_Apply.aspx)

## **When to apply**

Please apply before June 1, 2021.

## **About the Human Rights Commission**

The Commission safeguards the dignity and basic human rights of people with I/DD. The members help create rules and policy for how the Commission will function. They set up regional advisory committees to cover the state. The Commission oversees the committees. The committees get and resolve complaints of violations of people's rights as defined by Oregon law. Commission members meet as needed, usually every month. Commission terms are three years. Members may be re-appointed to serve two terms.

## **Learn more**

Read the legislation:

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB493/Enrolled>

Questions?

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