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Honorable Blanca Rubio
Chair, Human Services Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 5175
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1274 (MCGUIRE) as introduced – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Rubio:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1274**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Human Services Committee on June 12, 2018.

SB 1274 requires the State Department of Social Services (DSS) to disclose eligibility and enrollment data for the CalWORKs and CalFresh programs to the State Department of Developmental Services (DDS). The purpose of the data sharing is to assist DDS in the implementation of the Employment First Policy and to support consumers in the achievement of competitive integrated employment. This measure builds upon AB 1696, which was signed last year, and authorized the Employment Development Department (EDD) to disclose specified wage related information to assist DDS to achieve the same goals.

California's Employment First Policy directs the state to make opportunities for competitive integrated employment a clear priority. Collecting the additional data from DSS, as required by this bill, creates another means to monitor and measure progress of competitive integrated employment implementation and to assist in developing effective strategies to improve

employment outcomes for Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For these reasons, DRC supports this bill. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn M. Abouhassan".

Evelyn Abouhassan
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