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Honorable Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher Chair, Appropriations Committee California State Assembly Capitol Building, Room 2114 Sacramento, CA 95814

## RE: SB 1287 (HERNANDEZ) as amended June 20, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1287**. This bill will soon be scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1287 corrects the definition of "medically necessary" and "medical necessity" which should be applied more broadly to assure appropriate treatment for the broad array of conditions presented, including substance use disorder for people under age 21.

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,

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cc: Honorable Ed Hernandez, California State Senate Scott Bain, Principal Consultant, Senate Health Committee Honorable Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee Lisa Murawski, Principal Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee Peter Anderson, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus Committee