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I am writing in favor of LD769, which eliminates the use of planned restraints on adults with developmental disabilities. The developmentally disabled are the only population outside of prison who are subject to this kind of coercive and dehumanizing treatment at the hands of those who are acting as caregivers, prioritizing management for the convenience of caregivers over treatment for their clients. It is dangerous and traumatizing, both for the clients and witnesses who may also be disabled. This inhumane policy has gone on too long and must be discontinued.