



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 26, 2013,

Members of the House Health Care Committee,

Below is a sample letter of the dozens I have received concerning HB 2056. I am opposed to the section of this bill which removes the current waiver for certain facilities what are now exempt from paying the state's long term care assessment (mentioned in Section 5 of the bill). This is truly unfair to the residents who are paying for room and board costs with their own retirement monies, because they will be forced to subsidize Medicaid recipients, which they already fund through their tax dollars.

I appreciate your consideration of the concerns raised by my constituents and others.

Sincere thanks,

Kim Thatcher
State Representative
House District 25

RE: OPPOSE Eliminating Nursing Facility Provider Tax Exemption for Continuing Care Retirement Communities

Dear Representative Thatcher,

My name is Roger Beed. I am very upset about the below proposal. I came to Oregon over 40 years ago to raise my family and retire, but now I wonder if I made a mistake.

The Governor's proposal, contained in HB 2056, to eliminate the Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) exemption from paying the nursing facility provider tax (aka: Long Term Care Facility Assessment) would be an unfair added burden for residents of these communities and must be opposed.

I have been a resident of Friendsview for over 6 ½ years. I've invested my life savings in order to receive health care and housing in a safe, clean, compassionate community. Now we face the prospect of an unforeseen added cost of living because of a proposal that seeks to balance the budget at the expense of my retirement savings.

If I didn't live in a CCRC, I would not be forced to pay this tax. Why am I taxable just because of my age and where I live when others are not so taxed? This is unfair and must be opposed.

I urge you to not tax my retirement savings by continuing, rather than eliminating, the exemption from paying the tax for nursing facilities in CCRCs. I urge you to reinstate the exemptions in HB 2056.

Sincerely,

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