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SUBJECT: HB 2056 – Nursing Facility Assessment Reauthorization

Chair Barnhart and members of the Committee; I am Michael McCormick, Deputy Director of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) with the Department of Human Services (DHS). I am testifying in support of the HB 2056-A. Through working with stakeholders and legislative members, HB 2056-A is the result of collaborative work and would ensure that the full continuum of services in Oregon's nationally recognized long term care system is sustainable into the future.

The Legislature first passed the nursing facility assessment into law in 2003 and has been a key part of funding Oregon's long term care system. Currently, the assessment is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2014.

HB2056 reauthorizes the nursing facility assessment through July 1, 2020. We expect that HB2056 will generate approximately \$59.6M in the 13-15 biennium and \$127M in the 15-17 biennium. These funds will ultimately be matched with federal matching funds to generate total resources of \$161 million in the 13-15 biennium and \$340 million in the 15-17 biennium. Without reauthorization, state general fund needs will increase by approximately \$33 million in the 13-15 biennium.

The Department of Human Services has significant experience and a successful history in administering this assessment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today in support of HB 2056. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

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