

REVENUE: No revenue impact  
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Steiner Hayward
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/19, 4/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Maintains Long -Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) name. Expands duties of LTCO to advocate for residents of care facilities who have mental illness or developmental disabilities. Defines “residential facility” to reflect expanded duties of LTCO. Modifies relationship between Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services and LTCO’s office. Establishes a nine-member Residential Facilities Advisory Committee (RFAC). Requires RFAC submit quarterly report to LTCO.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Lack of voice of adults with developmental disabilities
- Concern relating to current resources for implementation
- Reporting abuse
- Importance of including adult foster home residents
- Need for independent, conflict-free oversight
- Proposed amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman is an independent state agency that serves long-term care facility residents through complaint investigation, resolution and advocacy for improvement in resident care. The mission of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman is to enhance the quality of life, improve the level of care, protect the individual's rights and promote the dignity of each Oregon citizen residing in a long-term care facility.

It has been reported there are approximately 6,000 individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities living in close to 1,000 licensed adult foster homes and 665 group homes in Oregon. An additional 2,500 individuals with mental or behavioral health disabilities are served in approximately 600 residential treatment homes and facilities. Most of these homes and facilities are quite small, with only 3-4 residents and they are scattered throughout Oregon.