Chair Greenlick and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of bill #HB3145 as a retired In-Home Care Agency Administrator, a Geriatric Care Manager, and a senior citizen. The In-Home Care rules were developed and enacted some years ago in order to provide protection, consistency of care and oversight for the many agencies providing care throughout Oregon.

It is my opinion both as a senior and a professional in the field of caring for our senior population that those persons using the State Registry as consumers and providers need the same type of regulations as are currently being enforced with In-Home Care Agencies. With elders being the employer, State Registry care providers have no written care plan(s), documentation requirements, skill evaluations, continuing education requirements, or monitoring of the quality of care being provided. The senior(s) employing a care provider from the State Registry would not be covered by the professional liability insurance required of all In-Home Care Agency providers.

Thank you for your interest in Oregon's senior population and to State Representative Mike McLane for proposing bill #HB3145.

Regards,

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