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Measure Description:

Imposes new requirements on continuing care retirement communities and residential facilities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO), Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact – Long Term Care Ombudsman:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
Personal Services	\$69,444	\$92,592
Services & Supplies	46,572	47,270
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$116,016	\$139,862
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.38	0.50

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 307 requires continuing care retirement communities and residential facilities licensed by the Department of Human Services (DHS) to:

- Adopt written policies and procedure to ensure the effective resolution of a resident's grievance in a timely manner.
- Have a procedure in place for residents to request that a staff person of a particular sex be assigned to assist the resident with activities of daily living. If the provider is unable to do so, the provider must notify the resident in writing of the reasons why.

The bill requires DHS to adopt a procedure for a resident to file a complaint with the department concerning a facility's failure to comply with these requirements.

In addition, the bill adds continuing care retirement community to the list of facilities served by the Long Term Care Ombudsman.

Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO)

Passage of this bill is estimated to have a fiscal impact of \$116,016 General Fund, and 0.38 FTE for the Long Term Care Ombudsman for the 2015-17 biennium, and \$139,862 General Fund and 0.50 FTE for the 2017-19 biennium. This amount reflects the Personal Services and related Services & Supplies for one additional permanent part-time Deputy Ombudsman position. The bill adds continuing care retirement community to the list of facilities served by the Long Term Care Ombudsman. The agency estimated that this would require the LTCO staff to serve an additional 2,918 residents of Oregon's continuing care retirement communities. In order to handle this increase in workload, LTCO would need additional staffing.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on DHS.