

Chair Alissa Keny-Guyer
House Human Services and Housing Committee
Oregon State Capital Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-4048

February 13, 2018

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer,

My name is Jackson Lemhouse I am currently interning as a legislative aide for Representative Pam Marsh of Oregon District 5. However, the testimony I will be providing is on behalf of myself.

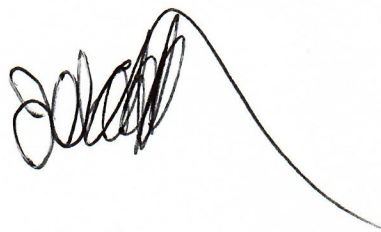
Having worked in multiple long-term facilities in a caregiving capacity I find the contents and purpose behind this bill (HB 4129) relevant of my personal support. Upon first learning of the bill while still in its draft form I worked quickly to both attempt contact of the administration of long term facilities represented in our district and to inform Rep. Marsh of the legislation of which she is now a sponsor.

I have seen the very best in long-term care facility administration, the likes of which have contributed greatly to the wellbeing of those housed, families of those in care and the employees within a multitude of departments. Exceptional administrators must possess qualities of impeccable organization, compassion that extends to both those cared for and for those employed, and above all else undeniable leadership. At this time, I would also like to take a moment to commend before you both personally and professionally the efforts of Teresa Selby an administrator within District 5 that I believe has personified said traits. It is the work of leaders like her that allow for the optimum standard of living for some of our states most sensitive populations.

Unfortunately, I have also bore witness to systemic failures and insufficiencies within long-term care facilities. The absence of quality administration had led me to experience frequent vital supply shortages, a lack of consistent workplace sanitary standards, poorly trained and incorrectly hired employees, constant conflict, and finally an overall experience for those housed not nearly to the high standard of which they should be afforded. Those in long term care deserve the absolute best, not for reason of customer satisfaction but for humanitarian purpose.

Working as a caregiver has taught me to carry the weight of others' lives in ones' own hands. It is now while fully aware of such responsibility I act again to attempt to profoundly affect the lives of those in need by contributing this testimony and my support. For the good of those in care within District 5 and all other respective districts within the state of Oregon, HB 4129 must pass.

Sincerely, Jackson D.A. Lemhouse
Legislative Aide
Representative Pam Marsh Oregon District 5

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackson D.A. Lemhouse', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.