



HB 2600 – 4 Amendment Testimony
Disease Outbreaks in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities
House Health Care Committee
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Chair Salinas, Vice Chair Hayden, Vice Chair Nosse and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2600 concerning disease outbreaks in nursing homes, residential care and assisted living facilities. I am Ruth Gulyas, CEO of LeadingAge Oregon – the statewide association of not-for-profit and other mission-directed organizations consisting of nursing homes, residential care, assisted living, in-home care agencies, continuing care retirement facilities known as CCRCs and federally subsidized housing for low-income seniors.

We support HB 2600 as amended that would:

- Establish training requirements for facility staff related to disease outbreak and prevention,
- Enhance the communication between facilities and DHS/OHA concerning disease outbreak and prevention,
- Require the annual inspection of facility kitchens by DHS during survey and in off-survey years for a facility fee of no more than \$200 to be deposited in the Quality Fund; and
- Require the long term care ombudsman to receive training and to report to DHS/OHA about reported disease outbreaks.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify with you today.