

HB 2524 A -A3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 4/18, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires long term care facilities, residential care facilities, and adult foster homes provide information regarding ombudsman services to residents upon admission. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A3 Exempts Long Term Care Ombudsman from making reports of abuse if report violates federal disclosures of information laws.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) is an independent state agency that serves residents of long term care facilities through complaint investigation, resolution, and advocacy for improvements in care. The mission of the LTCO is to enhance the quality of life, improve the level of care, protect the individual's rights and promote the dignity of each person residing in a long-term care facility. Within the LTCO is the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, the Oregon Public Guardian, and the Residential Facilities Ombudsman.

House Bill 2524 A requires long term care facilities, residential facilities, and adult foster homes to provide residents with information regarding the availability of the LTCO as well as its services.

House Vote: 57 - 0 - 3 - 0