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Chair Sara Gelser
Senate Committee on Human Services
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Chair Gelser:

The Department of Human Services is submitting this testimony to assist in assessing the impact of HB3270A. DHS has no position on this bill.

HB3270A authorizes the Department of Human Services to administer a pilot program to allow certain existing adult foster homes to provide care for up to seven adults. This is an increase from the current maximum of five adults. The pilot would be limited to adult foster home providers licensed under rules promulgated by the Aging and People with Disabilities program.

If HB3270A passes, the Department will convene a rule advisory committee to adopt rules governing the pilot. The Department intends to ensure the rules are strong in the following areas:

- Ensuring shared bedrooms are only permitted with the written consent of both parties.
- Ensuring the home can safely accommodate the additional residents.
- Ensuring the bedrooms have sufficient physical space to accommodate the residents.
- Ensuring all fire safety precautions are in place.

Before granting approval for pilot participation, the Department intends to review the home's compliance history and adult protective services investigations to determine suitability for the pilot.

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The bill also requires that the Department provide a list of adult foster homes participating in the pilot to the Long Term Care Ombudsman and communicate about the outcomes of the pilot.

Finally, the bill requires the Department to report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022 on the outcomes of the pilot. We anticipate being able to report on the quantity and severity of the violations experiences during the pilot as compared to non-pilot homes.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the potential impacts of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley C.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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