To: Chair Sara Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Art Robinson, Members of the Committee:

As a member of AAUW of OR (American Association of University Women of Oregon) Public Policy Team- Ashland, OR Branch, I strongly support SB 1556.

I encourage you to support SB 1556 because transparency in knowing the qualifications of a caregiver through certification is vital to knowing who would be taking care of a loved one.

I was fortunate to get a caregiver for my mom, who resided in another state, through an agency that did all the vetting of the background/qualifications of the woman that took care of my mom for the last two years of her life. This is not the case for most caregivers in Oregon. The public, among other reasons, has the right to know who is coming into their home.

Please vote for SB 1556.

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