



Date: February 12, 2024
To: Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Robinson
and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services
From: LeadingAge Oregon
Subject: Support for SB 1521 (-2) regarding the Acuity-Based Staffing Tool Requirements

LeadingAge Oregon is an association of nonprofit and mission driven housing and care organizations, dedicated to advancing quality aging services. On behalf of LeadingAge Oregon, we urge support for Senate Bill ("SB") 1521 and the -2 Amendment, which aims to clarify Acuity-Based Staffing Tool ("ABST") Requirements for Community-Based Care providers.

This bill clarifies when the Oregon Department of Human Services is obligated to put a condition on a facility's license due to insufficient staffing levels to meet both scheduled and unscheduled needs of residents. Additionally, it clarifies when the Department is authorized to apply other corrective actions.

Respectfully submitted,

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