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To: Chair Hartman, Vice-Chairs Walters and Scharf, and Members of the House  
Early Childhood and Human Services Committee

From: Oregon Department of Human Services

Subject: Follow-up responses from November 17, 2025 hearing

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Dear Chair Hartman, Vice-Chairs Walters and Scharf, Members of the Committee:

At your hearing on November 17, 2025, during Oregon Department of Human Services' presentations on Regulation of Long-Term Care (LTC) Facilities and Implementation of Changes to the Safety, Oversight, and Quality Unit (SACU), and Updates to SNAP Changes and HR1 Impacts, there were several questions that required follow up. Representative McIntire asked how many facilities are both long term care and independent living with both apartments and assisted long-term care. She also wanted to know how these are regulated by ODHS. Representative Yunker asked for the most up to date Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) key performance measures (KPMs), and the percentage of SNAP recipients that are tribal members.

Please see the requested information below:

## **Independent Living Communities and Assisted Living Facilities**

Drawing context from a constituent complaint Representative McIntire recently shared with APD, we understand this is a question about campus-style "senior living" communities where a single company owns both a residential care facility (a licensed, community-based, long-term care facility) and an adjacent "independent living community" (an apartment complex or collection of rental homes that are marketed primarily to older adults who may at some point need to transition into an assisted living facility).

The Department does not have statutory authority to license or regulate independent living communities or facilities despite the fact that they cater to older adults. As a result,

independent living communities and facilities are not tracked in the Department's databases unless they are part of a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC). There are 12 Independent Living facilities on the 12 CCRC campuses; however, the Department is aware that there are far more independent living facilities and communities in the state that are associated with nearby Assisted Living Facilities and Residential Care Facilities.

In order to begin exerting regulatory authority over independent living communities, APD would need both a legislative directive and a significant allocation of resources would need to be provided to the Department, as there is currently no infrastructure for the regulation of independent living. APD would be happy to partner with legislators, providers, advocates, and other community partners on recommending statutory language if the legislature wishes to pursue this in a future session.

## **Updated APD KPMs**

The most recent KPMs for APD are available at [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR\\_DHS\\_2025-10-03.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR_DHS_2025-10-03.pdf).

Director Knight-Coyle also mentioned during her presentation that APD has several additional metrics beyond KPMs. Perhaps the most significant amount of data APD possesses is the annual report released by the Residential Quality Measurement Program. This report is public-facing, and aimed at helping individuals find the right long-term care setting for themselves and the people they love. It reports on metrics for each licensed facility in the state, and is available at <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/licensing/community-based-care/pages/quality-metrics.aspx>.

## **SNAP Recipients Belonging to a Tribe**

Of the 759,622 Oregonians reported to have received SNAP benefits in September 2025, 8,630 self-reported as Tribal members. This is roughly 1.13% of total Oregon SNAP recipients.

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