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Senate Bill 1532 Testimony

Dear Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1532. ODHS's Office of Aging and People with Disabilities is neutral on the bill's passage, but I did want to commit several points to the record for this measure.

Section 1

During January Legislative Days, APD gave a formal presentation on our current processes and procedures around findings of Immediate Jeopardy and the conditions on provider licenses that are issued as a result of those findings. I have uploaded my slide deck from that presentation along with this written testimony for the committee's reference.

In general, APD understands the issues identified by our provider partners. There are some situations where the current statutory language directs the department to issue a condition on a license even when the specific circumstances are such that no license is needed to protect the health and safety of residents or prospective residents. License conditions are a very impactful regulatory tool, and when they are issued on a provider, the provider may pay a cost in the form of reputational impairment and/or temporary financial losses. In situations where a condition does not meaningfully improve resident safety, they are needlessly burdensome.

We think the language proposed in the -2 amendment would help the department avoid such situations. And although we value the legislature's support for the issuance of license conditions where the situation does merit them, we think the -2 amendments strikes an appropriate balance between allowing the department to strictly uphold safety standards while protecting providers who strive to meet those standards.



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Section 2

Section 2 of SB 1532 directs APD to adopt a model consent form for the use of video cameras and other electronic monitoring devices in resident rooms at residential care facilities.

The department can easily implement this directive, but I wanted to note on the record that we do not interpret this as giving us any regulatory duty to monitor or enforce any aspect of camera use in residential care facilities. If we were asked to do that, we would request resources from the legislature to do so. But, as written in the Introduced version of the bill, and as interpreted by the department, this modest ask does not have a fiscal impact on our program.

Section 3

Section 3 of the bill extends the implementation timeline for our ongoing work to implement Senate Bill 739, which passed last session.

I've spoken to this committee in two separate Legislative Days presentations about our plans for continuing implementation work, and I'm uploading my January 2026 presentation to the committee for your reference so that APD's planned implementation timeline is part of the record for this bill.

APD acknowledges that Section 3 of SB 1532 extends the implementation deadline to 2027. However, we are committed to meeting the 2026 implementation dates reflected on that timeline.

I also want to re-commit on the record that we plan to simultaneously implement two aspects of Senate Bill 739 that the legislature intended to go hand-in-hand:

- The First is the requirement for facilities to notify residents and their designees of substantiated violations within 72 hours;
- The second is the requirement for APD, if a condition has been placed on a facility's license, to determine compliance and lift facilities' licensing conditions.