



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Date: February 4, 2026

To: Senate Committee on Human Services

From: Melanie St. John
ROPGAB Board Chair

Re: SB 1532 Support

As members of the Oregon Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardian Advisory Board (ROPGAB), we are writing in support of SB 1532, a bill that makes changes about long-term care facilities and persons who provide I/DD services. In specific, we strongly support the requirement to impose a condition on the license of a residential care facility or long-term care facility in response to a preliminary finding or substantiated finding of immediate jeopardy. We also strongly support the directive to support a model consent form for the use of a video camera or other electronic monitoring device in a resident's room at a residential care facility.

ROPGAB oversees the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (OLTCO) including its programs of the Residential Facilities Ombudsman (RFO), the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) and the Oregon Public Guardian (OPG). The statutory directives for the Board also include advising the legislative Assembly on issues related to the agency, its program, and the Oregonians served by the agency. The ROPGAB Board members represent decades of experience in mental health care, brain injury, long-term care, elder law, guardianship, advocacy for individuals with disabilities and Oregon's elder population, law enforcement, and as caregivers ourselves.

The Oregon Long-Term Care Ombudsman's Office was very involved in the original report on the avoidable death that occurred at Mt. Hood Senior Living, which resulted in SB 739, which strengthened APD licensing requirements at long-term care and memory care facilities in order to protect vulnerable Oregonians. ROPGAB also supported SB 134 from the 2025 legislative session which supported the use of electronic monitoring devices in residents' rooms.

We urge you to pass SB 1532 in this legislative session and are available for testimony or additional information if needed. Thank you for considering this vital bill.

The Residential Ombudsman & Public Guardian Advisory Board monitors the agency, the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and advises the Governor and Legislature pursuant to ORS 441.416-418. Seven members are appointed by the Governor and four by the Legislative Leadership.

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