



Representative Lamar Wise
Oregon House District 48
SB 1575 - Protect the Dying Act
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Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Representative Lamar Wise. I am proud to be a sponsor of Senate Bill 1575.

SB 1575 is about supporting hospice care oversight in Oregon and defending vulnerable patients and families. This bill updates hospice licensure laws to ensure that only qualified, transparent, and accountable providers operate hospice programs in our state. By revamping licensure requirements, Oregon can better protect the terminally ill and their families.

Initially, this bill will require new hospice program applicants to meet enhanced licensing standards and to apply for a new initial license after a replacement in ownership. While also barring individuals who have been excluded from Medicare or Medicaid participation or found liable for fraud or abuse from holding ownership in a hospice program.

SB 1575 also directs the Oregon Health Authority to complete related rulemaking within 24 months and, with little exception, prohibits the issuance of new hospice licenses until the rulemaking is complete. These alterations promote patient safety and quality of care by guaranteeing strong oversight of hospice providers.

Lastly, an emergency clause in the bill allows for these protections to take effect immediately upon its passage, demonstrating the importance of safeguarding hospice care in Oregon.

In its simplest form, Senate Bill 1575 affirms that compassionate, safe, and accountable hospice services matter to Oregonians and their families.

I kindly ask for your support for Senate Bill 1575. Thank you.

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