

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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FROM: UNITED OREGON PROVIDER ASSOCIATION

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2026

RE: SB 1505

Honorable Legislators:

United Oregon Provider Association (UOPA) is composed of independent adult care home owners that came together in July 2025 as a professional association dedicated 100% to the needs of adult foster home providers, our co-workers and our residents. The UOPA Board is a diverse group of adult care home owners with literally decades of experience with APD, Mental Health and DD resident care in Oregon.

We strongly oppose SB 1505:

1. Adult care homes have historically been excluded from funding packages such as the Long-Term Investment Package (2021) which allocated millions of dollars for assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing facilities and in-home care.
2. With both DD and APD owners on the UOPA Board, we have become increasingly aware that independent DD homes are not funded at the same level as other segments of the senior care communities.
3. With you, we await the results of the Wage Transparency Survey:

Budget Note: Wage Transparency – The Department of Human Services is directed to collect data from assisted living facilities, residential care facilities, memory care communities, adult foster homes, and In-Home Care agencies that hold Medicaid contracts with the State of Oregon and serve a material number of Medicaid beneficiaries. The specific information to be collected is the average hourly base pay of direct caregivers as of June 30, 2025, and August 30, 2026. DHS shall compile and summarize this data by care setting and by the state's minimum wage regions in a report to be submitted to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services by March 1, 2027. All data provided by community based care providers and included in the report must be deidentified.

The Legislature has already put in place a mechanism to audit workforce wages, hopefully in relation to the revenue of the different segments of resident care. At this point in time, any discussion of a Workforce Standards Board is premature until the survey results are received and reviewed.

As senior communities, we already compete for a trained, compassionate workforce for our residents. This competition requires us to offer the best wages, benefit packages, working environment and training that we can afford.

A Workforce Standards Board is not the answer for our industry regardless of the resident placement.

Sincerely,

United Oregon Provider Association