

Testimony for SB1575

Good afternoon Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the committee, Thank you for your time addressing this important issue.

My Name is Troy Cribbins, and I am the Administrator for Pacific Home Health & Hospice a small for profit agency in Coos Bay for 30years. In our small rural community generally we are more concerned with lack of coverage, but in our particular case between our agency and South Coast Hospice a non profit agency serving the community for 40years, we do a good job providing coverage for our community, a large entity moving to our area, would do more damage than good bringing more confusion to our patients and families, and diluting the already thin work force.

I am not anti-private entities, and in underserved areas, larger organizations are the only ones able to afford to provide services to those areas. Unfortunately, there are organizations who prioritize profit over patient care, and because of their large size are able to move into an area and push out existing organizations who prioritize their resources on patient care.

Oregon needs to protect our hospice patients and their families by ensuring that the organizations we allow to operate in our State have the right priorities, the right finances, and the right skill and experience for their staff and leadership, this bill does that. I strongly support this bill and would ask you to unanimously support this bill as well.

Again, thank you for your work on this important issue.

Respectfully,

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