

## **Testimony for SB1575**

Good Morning Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Elmer & Pham, and members of the committee, thank you for your time addressing this important issue. My Name is Troy Cribbins, and I am a Current City Councilor for the City of Coos Bay, a Republican candidate for House District 9 which encompasses Coos Bay, Reedsport, Florence & Western Lane County on the beautiful southern Oregon Coast, A member of the work group for this bill and the Administrator for Pacific Home Health & Hospice a small for profit agency in Coos Bay for 30-years.

In our small rural community generally we are more concerned with lack of coverage and the need for providers, but in our particular case between our agency and South Coast Hospice a non-profit agency serving the community for 40-years, we do a good job providing coverage for our community, if a large corporate entity were to enter into our area, where there int any need, it 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 business, as that is my model, and in underserved areas, larger organizations typically are the only ones able to afford to provide services to those areas due to scale. However, when considering Hospice organizations there needs to be an extra layer of scrutiny as in this industry, we are not just making widgets, we are caring for people, and

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. There are also organizations that commit fraud sometimes on a large scale as recently exposed in Los Angeles County where there were over 210 agencies in a 112 sq. mi. area. Accounting for over 3.5billion dollars in fraud.

Oregon needs to protect our hospice patients and their families when they are at their most vulnerable 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 support this bill and would ask you to support this bill as well.

Thank you,

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