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Oregon's Voice for Long Term Care & Senior Housing

**Testimony in support of HB 2860
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The Oregon Health Care Association (OHCA) is a statewide, professional trade association representing over 600 health care providers, including for-profit and not-for-profit nursing facilities, assisted living and residential care facilities, independent senior housing providers, and private, licensed in-home care agencies. With nearly 40,000 employees, our members provide care and services to over 40,000 Oregonians in every community of the state.

On behalf of our members, OHCA is urging support for HB 2860, a bill that seeks to exempt diesel fuel sold for use in hospitals and long term care facilities from requirements to contain a certain percentage of biodiesel or other diesel with specified percentage of renewable components.

This exemption provides flexibility to nursing facilities, which are required by law to store large amounts of fuel to power backup generators in the case of an emergency. With the limited shelf life offered by biodiesel fuel (maximum fuel life is 6 months) and the degradation possible in long term storage which may lead to hazardous fuel conditions, OHCA supports the biodiesel requirement exemption for long term care facilities offered in HB 2860.

We thank you for consideration of our support for HB 2860.

Sincerely,

Jim Carlson
President and CEO