



STATE OF OREGON  
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL COMMITTEE

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Representative Mike McLane  
900 Court Street NE H395  
Salem OR 97301

Re: House Bill 2300 Definitions

Dear Representative McLane:

You asked this office the following two questions: first, whether the definition of "terminal disease" in section 1 (7) of House Bill 2300 would change the meaning of "terminal disease" for purposes of ORS 127.800 to 127.890 (The Oregon Death With Dignity Act); and second, whether the definition of "capable" in section 1 (2) of House Bill 2300 would change the meaning of "capable" for purposes of ORS 127.800 to 127.890. The answer to both your questions is no.

The definitions set forth in section 1, House Bill 2300 apply only to the provisions of House Bill 2300. Section 1 of the bill specifies that the definitions are to be "used" only for purposes of "sections 1 to 11 of this 2015 Act." There is no reference to any provision of ORS 127.800 to 127.890 or to any other existing statutory law. If House Bill 2300 were to become law, the definitions set forth in ORS 127.800 would continue to apply to the provisions of ORS 127.800 to 127.890.

Feel free to contact our office if you have any other questions about House Bill 2300.

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Very truly yours,

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