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**SB 179 Testimony  
Senate Human Services Committee  
February 7, 2019**

Chair Gelser and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today on SB 179. I am Ruth Gulyas, CEO of LeadingAge Oregon – the statewide association of not-for-profit and other mission-directed organizations dedicated to providing quality housing and services to the elderly. Our members include nursing homes, residential care, assisted living, home care agencies, continuing care retirement facilities known as CCRCs and federally subsidized housing for low-income seniors.

We support SB 179 that would provide funding for the provision of palliative care services for community-based end of life care. We understand an amendment is being sought to require OHA, rather than DHS, to administer the program. We support that change.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support of SB 179.