

**HB 2524 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Heard

**Senate Committee On Human Services**

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**Action Date:** 04/23/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Fagan, Gelser, Heard, Knopp, Monnes Anderson

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/18, 4/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires long term care facilities, residential care facilities, and adult foster homes provide information regarding ombudsman services to residents upon admission. Makes it explicit that Long Term Care Ombudsman complies with federal law governing disclosure of information. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Makes it explicit that Long Term Care Ombudsman complies with federal law governing disclosure of information.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) is an independent state agency that serves residents of long term care facilities through complaint investigation, resolution, and advocacy for improvements in care. The mission of the LTCO is to enhance the quality of life, improve the level of care, protect the individual's rights, and promote the dignity of each person residing in a long term care facility. Within the LTCO is the Long Term Care Ombudsman, the Oregon Public Guardian, and the Residential Facilities Ombudsman.

House Bill 2524 B requires long term care facilities, residential facilities, and adult foster homes to provide residents with information regarding the availability of the LTCO as well as its services.