



# Providers, Seniors and Frontline Workers Urge Support House Bill 2397

**HB 2397 maintains uniform senior care standards across Oregon** and creates the Senior Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Innovation Pilot Project.

**Uniform care standards are a critical component of a successful regulatory structure for long term care** providers supporting equal outcomes across the state. If each municipality in the state wrote their own care standards, it would create a patchwork of differing regulations that would not serve the best interests of those receiving care and services.

The Senior Emergency Medical Services Innovation Pilot Project will allow local EMS providers to receive funding to pilot public projects that **utilize different response strategies for long term care communities.**

These pilot projects will be a testing ground for innovative strategies to address EMS needs for Oregon's growing aging residents who receive long term care and services and supports, **reduce EMS costs, promote quality, and encourage community-based responses for EMS.** A broad stakeholder advisory council will guide the program, with funding coming from the Department of Human Services' Quality Care Fund.

**We support HB 2397**

