

HB 2327: Improving Emergency Preparedness & Response in Long Term Care

**House Committee on Health Care
COVID-19 Subcommittee
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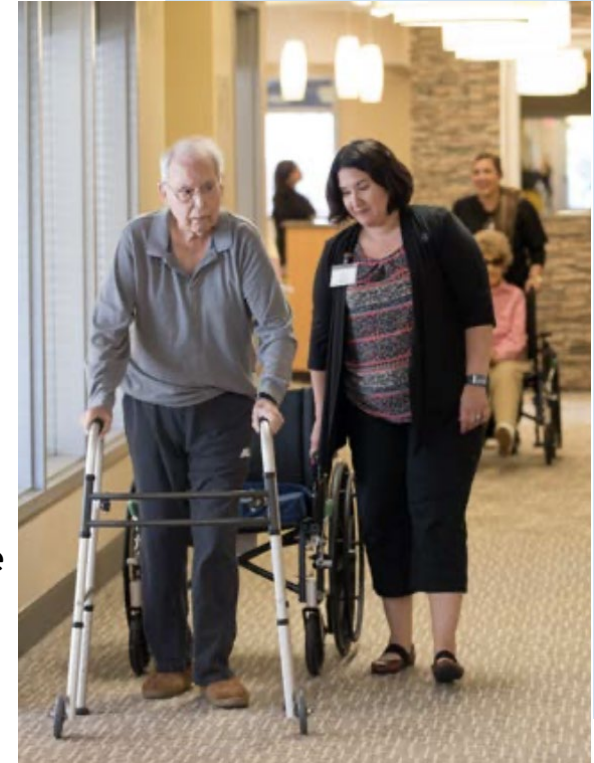
About HB 2327 (-3 Amendment)

- HB 2327-3 is a well-vetted piece of legislation.
- HB 2327-3 applies stakeholder input and lessons learned over the last year to improve care for residents while ensuring that providers and caregivers have the support they need to weather any storm.
- HB 2327-3 establishes the Long Term Care Emergency Preparedness and Response Team (Team) to allow for coordination and collaboration between state agencies, providers, caregivers, and other stakeholders convened as an advisory body to ODHS.

About the Advisory 'Team'

Team members include:

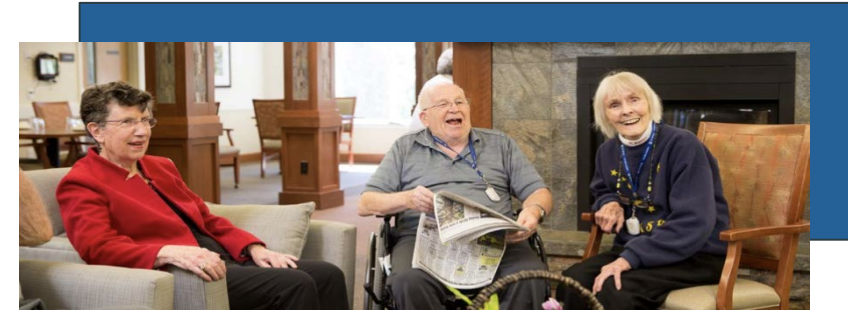
- Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) representatives
- Oregon Health Authority (OHA) representatives
- Long term care consumer
- Providers with expertise in public health, epidemiology and disaster response
- Skilled nursing representatives
- Residential facility representatives
- Direct care workers who work in a long term care setting
- The Long Term Care Ombudsman
- The Office of Emergency Management representative
- Local public health authority representative



About the Advisory 'Team'

The team is charged with advising ODHS on the following key items:

- Coordination between public health agencies and ODHS during emergencies that impact long term care
- Developing staffing and training plans to accommodate for staff shortages caused or made worse by an emergency
- Infectious disease vaccine or treatment distribution
- Social isolation prevention in long term care
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) reserves
- Appropriate testing methodologies and approaches during an infectious disease outbreak



Rulemaking & Guidance

HB 2327 charges ODHS, in collaboration with OHA, to develop rules and/or establish guidance or best practice around the following key areas:

- Study and distribute to providers best practices for systems that reduce air pollutants and the spread of infectious disease
- Standards for cleaning and distributing PPE
- Access to long term care emergency response plans in languages other than English
- Access to technical assistance and training for care providers to meet best practices around infection prevention
- Making training materials available to local public health about long term care
- Incorporating social isolation prevention plans in emergency preparedness plans
- Backup power source for essential equipment to preserve critical supplies like medication in the event of a power outage



Thank You!

HB 2327 takes a comprehensive yet nimble approach to ensuring long term care sector is prepared for future emergencies.

We urge your support of HB 2327 with the -3 amendment.
Thank you!

