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Title: [HB 2108](#), OTIS: Independent Residence Facilities

Concept:

- Amend ORS 418.475 and ORS 418.200 to expand the Department's authority from establishing and certifying Independent Residence Facilities (IRFs) to also include licensing and authorizing IRFs.
- Amend ORS 418.205 to allow the flexibility for IRFs to be considered a Child-Caring Agency.
- Amend ORS 418.330 to remove an erroneous reference to IRFs.

Need for policy change:

ORS 418.475 allows the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to establish or certify Independent Residence Facilities (IRFs). IRFs are independent housing arrangements with minimal supervision and counseling services for certain current and former foster youth.

Unfortunately, contradictions in statute have prevented IRFs from existing. [House Bill \(HB\) 2108](#) seeks to correct these contradictions by providing the needed flexibility for certifying, authorizing and licensing IRFs.

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