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Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Robinson and Members of the Committee.

Support for Senate Bill 1556 - Homecare worker certification

I am a member of AAUW of OR who is expressing my support for this important legislation. My mother and several other very elderly or disabled family members and friends have relied on home health care over the years and our experiences have been very mixed. In some cases the caregivers knew their job and were extremely kind and ethical. In other cases, the worker seemed not to know what to do in certain situations, was abusive or pilfered small objects.

For these reasons, I support Senate Bill 1556 which creates and phases in a certification process to be administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services for homecare workers and personal attendants. As I understand the bill, consumers and families seeking care or services will be able to access a registry and confirm that their caregiver has met all requirements. Such a bill would certainly ease the mind of all those concerned about a home-bound patient and would be a benefit to many if not all senior residents of Oregon

Sincerely,
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