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As a senior housing referral agent in the Portland market the MOST common challenge is finding availability in Adult Care Homes or other types of senior housing. This bill would greatly improve the ability to find the appropriate level of support for the seniors we serve. These Adult Care Homes support the residents they serve in a home like caring environment. Often times these Adult Care Homes can meet the needs of some of our most challenging clients to place. This would also allow for clients to be discharged faster and more appropriately. This keeps the costs of caring for that person in the hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility down. These are the most expensive places for clients to "sit" because there are not available homes to discharge to. As you know hospital overcrowding is still a huge problem and this Bill would help to alleviate some of that pressure. I hope you can support this increased access for one of our most vulnerable populations.