

## **SB 1021 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Human Services**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure prohibits a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) from making reductions to programs or services that were in place when a resident was admitted. The measure requires a CCRC to notify resident councils before making changes to fees, programs, or services.

#### Detailed Summary:

- Prohibits a CCRC from reducing or eliminating a service or program for a resident if the service or program was part of the residency agreement at the time the resident was admitted.
- Allows a CCRC to otherwise reduce or eliminate programs or services only through the process of holding regular meetings with a resident council or open meeting for residents.
- Applies to residency agreements and services or programs that exist on or before the measure's effective date.
- Requires a CCRC provider to include copies of all notices of proposed changes in fees, programs, or services in its annual disclosure statement submitted to the Department of Human Services.
- Modifies the rights of residents to guarantee the right to be informed of proposed changes in fees, programs, or services and the right to continuation of programs and services that were in place when the resident was admitted.
- Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

A continuing care retirement community (CCRC) is a type of residential community for older adults that provides a spectrum of care options in the same location, which allows residents to transition between levels of care and services without changing facilities ([Administration for Community Living, 2020](#)). For example, a resident may begin in an independent apartment before moving into assisted living or skilled nursing, while living at the same complex. Since 1989, Oregon law has required CCRC providers to register with the Department of Human Services and adhere to requirements related to financial solvency and residency agreements ([ORS chapter 101](#)). [House Bill 2138 \(2009\)](#) imposed additional requirements by declaring a set of residents' rights and mandating regular meetings between CCRC management and resident councils, or meetings open to all residents, to provide for greater transparency on changes to fees and policies.