

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 739

Relating to long term care oversight

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Human Services Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Campos

SB 739 makes several changes to improve the safety and regulatory oversight of residential care facilities and homes.

It updates the responsibilities of the Department of Human Services in responding to complaints of licensing violations at residential care facilities by establishing revised timelines for response and investigation, as well as new requirements for reporting and disclosure.

The measure also requires DHS and the Oregon Health Authority to conduct inspections of residential treatment facilities or homes within 90 to 120 days after issuance of an initial license, receipt of a license renewal application and fee, or a change in ownership.

The amendment narrows the circumstances in which the agency must initiate a licensing investigation within 24 hours to only in circumstances of death, removes a requirement for reports to the Legislature, and appropriates funds to DHS and OHA to comply with the measure.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 739 be amended by the –A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.