

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2956**

Ordered by the House April 15  
Including House Amendments dated April 15

Sponsored by Representative TRAN, Senator MEEK (Pre-session filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: The Act creates a pilot program to allow certain adult foster homes to care for up to 7 adults. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.7).**

*[Digest: The Act tells ODHHS to study adult foster homes. (Flesch Readability Score: 84.9).]*

*[Requires the Department of Human Services to study adult foster homes. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health not later than September 15, 2026.]*

*[Sunsets on January 2, 2027.]*

**Requires the Department of Human Services to administer a pilot program to allow up to 30 adult foster homes meeting specified requirements to care for up to seven residents. Requires the department to compile data and report on the results of the pilot program to the Legislative Assembly. Directs the department to discontinue enrolling new adult foster homes into the pilot program beginning September 15, 2028.**

**Sunsets the pilot program on January 2, 2039.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to adult foster homes.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

(a) "Adult foster home" means an adult foster home that is licensed under ORS 443.705 to 443.825 to provide residential care to older adults or people with physical disabilities.

(b) "Substantial compliance" means a level of compliance with state law and with rules of the Department of Human Services such that any identified deficiencies pose a risk of no more than negligible harm to the health or safety of residents.

(2) The department shall administer a pilot program to allow up to 30 adult foster homes to provide care to up to seven adults in each adult foster home. Except for ORS 443.705 (1), requirements under ORS 443.705 to 443.825 and rules adopted by the department pursuant to ORS 443.705 to 443.825 apply to adult foster homes that participate in the pilot program. The department shall adopt additional requirements by rule for participating adult foster homes to:

(a) Ensure that an adult foster home maintains a minimum staff to resident ratio of one-to-five at all times;

(b) Prohibit the shared occupancy of rooms by residents other than spouses or intimate partners;

(c) Ensure that the agreement by a spouse or intimate partner to share a room is voluntary;

(d) Require a resident who volunteers to share a room with a spouse or intimate partner

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 to sign a residency agreement attesting that the agreement to share a room with the spouse  
2 or intimate partner is voluntary;

3 (e) Ensure that a resident's consent to share a room with a spouse or intimate partner  
4 is revocable at any time and that a spouse or intimate partner who shares a room is in-  
5 formed that the consent is revocable; and

6 (f) Require an adult foster home, before participating in the pilot program, to:

7 (A) Except as provided in ORS 443.705 (1), be in substantial compliance with ORS 443.705  
8 to 443.825 and rules adopted by the department pursuant to ORS 443.705 to 443.825; and

9 (B) Demonstrate the ability, as determined by the department, to meet the needs of all  
10 residents and to meet applicable fire, life and safety requirements for evacuation.

11 (3) In approving an adult foster home for the pilot program, the department must take  
12 into account:

13 (a) The adult foster home's compliance with regulatory requirements during the preced-  
14 ing two-year period.

15 (b) The history of abuse complaints and the findings of investigators in response to  
16 complaints of abuse.

17 (c) Input from the local regulatory authority about the adult foster home's overall ability  
18 to take on additional residents.

19 (4)(a) The department shall provide to the Long Term Care Ombudsman a list of adult  
20 foster homes participating in the pilot program. The ombudsman shall take steps necessary  
21 to ensure that residents in the participating adult foster homes are aware of the services  
22 provided by the ombudsman and are informed about the availability of the Long Term Care  
23 Ombudsman and the Residential Facilities Ombudsman to assist the residents with concerns  
24 that may arise during the course of the pilot program.

25 (b) The department shall consult with the Long Term Care Ombudsman regarding any  
26 concerns of the ombudsman that arose from a past investigation of a participating adult  
27 foster home.

28 (5) The department shall track and compile data on the success of the pilot program and  
29 on the frequency of monitoring of the adult foster homes by the local regulatory authorities.  
30 The data must include, but is not limited to, monitoring increases or decreases in:

31 (a) The number of complaints;

32 (b) The number of violations of licensing requirements;

33 (c) The number of substantiated complaints of abuse; and

34 (d) Resident satisfaction, as measured by resident surveys.

35 **SECTION 2.** No later than September 15, 2028, the Department of Human Services shall  
36 report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the man-  
37 ner provided in ORS 192.245, on the results of the pilot program described in section 1 of this  
38 2025 Act and the data tracked and compiled under section 1 (5) of this 2025 Act.

39 **SECTION 3.** Beginning September 15, 2028:

40 (1) The Department of Human Services shall discontinue enrolling new adult foster  
41 homes into the pilot program described in section 1 of this 2025 Act;

42 (2) An adult foster home that has participated in the pilot program may not take steps  
43 to remove a resident who was admitted pursuant to the pilot program, unless the adult fos-  
44 ter home staff are no longer able to provide the care needed by the resident, according to  
45 criteria adopted by the department by rule; and

1           **(3) The department shall continue to license an adult foster home that has participated**  
2 **in the pilot program as long as the adult foster home meets all other licensing criteria but**  
3 **for the additional residents who were admitted during the pilot program.**

4           **SECTION 4.** **Sections 1 to 3 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2039.**

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