A-Engrossed Senate Bill 34

Ordered by the Senate April 18 Including Senate Amendments dated April 18

Sponsored by Senators PATTERSON, MANNING JR (Presession 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 makes changes to laws about the persons that own and operate long term care facilities. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

[Digest: The Act tells ODHS to study long term care. (Flesch Readability Score: 100.0).]

Requires the Department of Human Services to study [long term care] the information that a long term care facility must disclose about its owners and operators and the feasibility of implementing an online portal to collect and share information about long term care facilities with the public. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health not later than [September 15, 2026] December 31, 2025. Sunsets the study requirements on January 2, 2027.

Requires a long term care facility, before the facility may change its owner or operator, to apply to the department for approval and provide notice to residents. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to long term care; and declaring an emergency.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "long term care facility" has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015. 5
 - (2) The Department of Human Services shall study:
 - (a) The information that a long term care facility is required under state or federal law to disclose about the owners and operators of the facility; and
 - (b) How to integrate the information and share the information with the public.
 - (3) To the extent practicable, the department shall update the department's website to integrate and publish, in plain language, information about the ownership and operation of long term care facilities, including information about licenses, owners, operators, third parties, financial reports, violations and quality metrics.
 - (4) No later than December 31, 2025, the department shall report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, about the department's progress in updating the department's website. The department shall include in the report recommendations about additional resources or authority that may be needed to share integrated, plain-language information with the public about the ownership and operation of long term care facilities.
 - SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "long term care facility" has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.
 - (2) The Department of Human Services shall study the feasibility of developing and im-

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- plementing an online portal to collect information, including licensure materials and other reports, directly from long term care facilities and share the information directly with the public while maintaining compliance with state and federal privacy laws.
- (3) No later than December 31, 2025, the department shall report the findings and recommendations from the study conducted under this section to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245. The department shall include in the report recommendations about the costs and authority needed to develop and implement the online portal described in this section.
- SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, "long term care facility" has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.
- (2) Before a long term care facility may change its owner or operator, the long term care facility shall:
 - (a) Submit an application to the Department of Human Services for approval; and
- (b) Provide notice of the proposed change of owner or operator to each resident of the long term care facility or the legal representative of each resident at least 30 days before the effective date of the change.
 - SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2027.
- SECTION 5. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.