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Requested by Senator PATTERSON

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 34

In line 2 of the printed bill, after "care" insert "; and declaring an emergency".

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 "<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) As used in this section, 'long term care facility'
5 has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.

6 "(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.

4 "<u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) 'Long term care facility' has the meaning given that term in
6 ORS 442.015.

"(b) 'Related party' means a person or entity that is associated with
the owner or operator of a long term care facility by any form of affiliation, control or investment.

"(2) The Department of Human Services shall study whether addi-10 tional information about the owners and operators of long term care 11 facilities, beyond the information that a long term care facility is 12 currently required under state or federal law to disclose, is needed for 13 stakeholders, consumers and the family members of consumers to 14 make informed decisions about placement in a long term care facility. 15The study shall examine the usefulness of collecting the following 16 types of information: 17

"(a) Additional background, financial or legal reporting about
 owners and operators of a long term care facility, including informa tion from other states;

"(b) Information about relationships among owners, property own ers and operators;

"(c) Information about services that a long term care facility con tracts with another entity to perform, including whether the contrac tors are related parties;

"(d) Data about staffing, including the percentage of a long term
 care facility's Medicaid funding that the facility spends on direct care
 or staffing; and

"(e) The names and contact information of individuals in leadership
 positions at each long term care facility.

1 "(3) In conducting the study described in subsection (2) of this sec-2 tion, the department shall:

"(a) Consult with community partners, including residents, families, resident advocates, caregivers, facility staff, the Long Term Care
Ombudsman and facility owners and operators; and

6 "(b) Consider whether the additional information to be collected:

7 "(A) Would promote quality care; and

8 "(B) Would not be unnecessarily burdensome on long term care fa9 cilities.

"(4) No later than August 15, 2026, 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, including recommendations for the types of additional information that should be collected from long term care facilities and the resources needed to collect and analyze that information.

"<u>SECTION 3.</u> (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 implementing an online portal to collect information, including licensure materials and other reports, directly from long term care facilities and share the information directly to the public.

"(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, including recommendations about the costs and authority needed to develop and implement the online portal described in this section.

³⁰ "<u>SECTION 4.</u> (1) As used in this section, 'long term care facility'

1 has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.

"(2) The Department of Human Services shall study needed regulatory changes to the process for providing notice of a change in ownership of a long term care facility. The department shall develop recommendations about:

6 "(a) The party that should be responsible for providing notice;

"(b) The form of providing notice, including whether a long term care facility should be required to post a notice on the door of the facility and on the facility's website to alert staff, residents, families and caregivers that the facility has requested approval of a change in ownership;

12 "(c) The timeline on which notice should be provided; and

"(d) Whether the notice should include an opportunity for members
 of the public to submit information to the department before the de partment may approve the change.

"(3) In conducting the study described in subsection (2) of this sec tion, the department shall consider whether the recommended process
 for providing notice of a change in ownership:

19 "(a) Would promote quality care; and

"(b) Would not be unnecessarily burdensome on long term care fa cilities.

"(4) No later than August 15, 2026, 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.

²⁶ "<u>SECTION 5.</u> Sections 1 to 4 of this 2025 Act are repealed on Janu-²⁷ ary 2, 2027.

"<u>SECTION 6.</u> 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.".
