

SB 228-2
(LC 1632)
3/17/25 (RH/ps)

Requested by Senator MANNING JR

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 228**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 27 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

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

4 **“(a) ‘Facility’ means a residential care facility, as defined in ORS**
5 **443.400, including a residential care facility with a memory care**
6 **endorsement under ORS 443.886.**

7 **“(b) ‘Independent family council’ means a group of residents, family**
8 **members of residents or legal representatives of residents that meets**
9 **privately, either in person or virtually.**

10 **“(c) ‘Resident’ means an individual residing in a facility.**

11 **“(2) A resident has the right to organize and participate in resident**
12 **groups in a facility, including an independent family council.**

13 **“(3) At the time that a resident is admitted to a facility, the facility**
14 **shall provide to the resident and the resident’s legal representative:**

15 **“(a) Written notice of the resident’s right to organize and partic-**
16 **ipate in resident groups in the facility, including an independent fam-**
17 **ily council; and**

18 **“(b) Information about how to contact and participate in any inde-**
19 **pendent family council that has already been formed at the facility.**

20 **“(4) When an independent family council has been formed at a fa-**
21 **cility:**

1 “(a) The facility shall provide adequate space in the entry area of
2 the facility for the independent family council to display information
3 about the independent family council.

4 “(b) The facility shall provide space within the facility for the in-
5 dependent family council to meet during mutually agreed-upon times.
6 The space must reasonably allow for privacy.

7 “(c) If requested by the independent family council, the facility
8 shall take reasonable steps to make residents and family members and
9 legal representatives of residents aware, in a timely manner, of up-
10 coming meetings of the independent family council.

11 “(d) Staff and visitors may attend independent family council
12 meetings only at the invitation of the independent family council. All
13 visitors, including family members and legal representatives of resi-
14 dents, must comply with any general facility policies and procedures
15 that apply to visitors, such as sign-in and sign-out policies and non-
16 discrimination and anti-harassment policies.

17 “(e) The facility shall designate a staff person to be responsible for
18 responding to, or coordinating a response to, any written requests or
19 grievances submitted by the independent family council.

20 “(f) The facility shall respond promptly to any requests or griev-
21 ances submitted by the independent family council concerning issues
22 of resident care or life in the facility. The facility is not required to
23 implement any requests submitted by the independent family council
24 but shall, upon request, provide a response that describes the facility’s
25 rationale for its decision.

26 “(5) An independent family council may not override the rights of
27 a resident.

28 “(6) A facility may not:

29 “(a) Discriminate or retaliate against a resident based on the par-
30 ticipation of the resident or the resident’s family member or legal

1 **representative in an independent family council.**

2 **“(b) Willfully interfere with the formation, maintenance or pro-**
3 **motion of an independent family council.”.**

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