

Requested by Senator MEEK

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2956**

1 Delete lines 4 through 8 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall admin-**
3 **ister a pilot program to allow certain adult foster homes that are li-**
4 **censed in this state to care for older adults and persons with physical**
5 **disabilities to provide care to up to seven adults in each adult foster**
6 **home. Except for ORS 443.705 (1), requirements under ORS 443.705 to**
7 **443.825 and rules adopted by the department pursuant to ORS 443.705**
8 **to 443.825 apply to adult foster homes that participate in the pilot**
9 **program. The department shall adopt additional requirements by rule**
10 **for participating adult foster homes to:**

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

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

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

17 **“(d) Require a resident who volunteers to share a room with a**
18 **spouse or intimate partner to sign a residency agreement attesting**
19 **that the agreement to share a room with the spouse or intimate**
20 **partner is voluntary;**

21 **“(e) Ensure that a resident’s consent to share a room with a spouse**

1 or intimate partner is revocable at any time and that a spouse or in-
2 timate partner who shares a room is informed that the consent is
3 revocable; and

4 “(f) Require an adult foster home, before participating in the pilot
5 program, to pass a physical inspection conducted by the department
6 to determine if the home and the operation of the home can safely
7 accommodate two additional residents.

8 “(2) In approving an adult foster home for the pilot program, the
9 department must take into account:

10 “(a) The adult foster home’s compliance with regulatory require-
11 ments during the preceding two-year period.

12 “(b) The history of abuse complaints and the findings of investi-
13 gators in response to complaints of abuse.

14 “(c) Input from the local regulatory authority about the adult foster
15 home’s overall ability to take on additional residents.

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

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

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

- 1 “(a) The number of complaints;
2 “(b) The number of violations of licensing requirements;
3 “(c) The number of substantiated complaints of abuse; and
4 “(d) Resident satisfaction, as measured by resident surveys.

5 “SECTION 2. No later than September 15, 2028, the Department of
6 Human Services shall report to the interim committees of the Legis-
7 lative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS
8 192.245, on the results of the pilot program described in section 1 of
9 this 2025 Act and the data tracked and compiled under section 1 (4) of
10 this 2025 Act.

11 “SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act are repealed on Jan-
12 uary 2, 2029.”.

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