

HB 2956-3
(LC 3296)
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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) As used in this section:**

3 **“(a) ‘Adult foster home’ means an adult foster home that is licensed**
4 **under ORS 443.705 to 443.825 to provide residential care to older adults**
5 **or people with physical disabilities.**

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

10 **“(2) The department shall administer a pilot program to allow up**
11 **to 30 adult foster homes to provide care to up to seven adults in each**
12 **adult foster home. Except for ORS 443.705 (1), requirements under ORS**
13 **443.705 to 443.825 and rules adopted by the department pursuant to ORS**
14 **443.705 to 443.825 apply to adult foster homes that participate in the**
15 **pilot program. The department shall adopt additional requirements by**
16 **rule for participating adult foster homes to:**

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

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

21 **“(c) Ensure that the agreement by a spouse or intimate partner to**

1 **share a room is voluntary;**

2 **“(d) Require a resident who volunteers to share a room with a**
3 **spouse or intimate partner to sign a residency agreement attesting**
4 **that the agreement to share a room with the spouse or intimate**
5 **partner is voluntary;**

6 **“(e) Ensure that a resident’s consent to share a room with a spouse**
7 **or intimate partner is revocable at any time and that a spouse or in-**
8 **timate partner who shares a room is informed that the consent is**
9 **revocable; and**

10 **“(f) Require an adult foster home, before participating in the pilot**
11 **program, to:**

12 **“(A) Except as provided in ORS 443.705 (1), be in substantial com-**
13 **pliance with ORS 443.705 to 443.825 and rules adopted by the depart-**
14 **ment pursuant to ORS 443.705 to 443.825; and**

15 **“(B) Demonstrate the ability, as determined by the department, to**
16 **meet the needs of all residents and to meet applicable fire, life and**
17 **safety requirements for evacuation.**

18 **“(3) In approving an adult foster home for the pilot program, the**
19 **department must take into account:**

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

22 **“(b) The history of abuse complaints and the findings of investi-**
23 **gators in response to complaints of abuse.**

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

26 **“(4)(a) The department shall provide to the Long Term Care Om-**
27 **budsman a list of adult foster homes participating in the pilot pro-**
28 **gram. The ombudsman shall take steps necessary to ensure that**
29 **residents in the participating adult foster homes are aware of the**
30 **services provided by the ombudsman and are informed about the**

1 availability of the Long Term Care Ombudsman and the Residential
2 Facilities Ombudsman to assist the residents with concerns that may
3 arise during the course of the pilot program.

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

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

11 “(a) The number of complaints;

12 “(b) The number of violations of licensing requirements;

13 “(c) The number of substantiated complaints of abuse; and

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

15 **“SECTION 2. No later than September 15, 2028, the Department of**
16 **Human Services shall report to the interim committees of the Legis-**
17 **lative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS**
18 **192.245, on the results of the pilot program described in section 1 of**
19 **this 2025 Act and the data tracked and compiled under section 1 (5) of**
20 **this 2025 Act.**

21 **“SECTION 3. Beginning September 15, 2028:**

22 **“(1) The Department of Human Services shall discontinue enrolling**
23 **new adult foster homes into the pilot program described in section 1**
24 **of this 2025 Act;**

25 **“(2) An adult foster home that has participated in the pilot program**
26 **may not take steps to remove a resident who was admitted pursuant**
27 **to the pilot program, unless the adult foster home staff are no longer**
28 **able to provide the care needed by the resident, according to criteria**
29 **adopted by the department by rule; and**

30 **“(3) The department shall continue to license an adult foster home**

1 that has participated in the pilot program as long as the adult foster
2 home meets all other licensing criteria but for the additional residents
3 who were admitted during the pilot program.

4 “SECTION 4. Sections 1 to 3 of this 2025 Act are repealed on Janu-
5 ary 2, 2039.”.

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