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To: Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum
and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

From: LeadingAge Oregon

Subject: SB 134 – Electronic Monitoring Devices

LeadingAge Oregon is an association of housing and long-term care providers. At this time, we oppose SB 134.

We recognize the potential benefits of a bill that provides clear guidance on electronic monitoring devices, but this bill is not yet ready. More time is needed for all stakeholders to collaborate and ensure it is carefully crafted. Without thoughtful development, this bill could create more challenges than solutions for residents, families, and providers.

Several key concerns must be fully addressed before moving forward, including:

- Protecting resident dignity and privacy, particularly in shared rooms.
- Balancing resident and family interests, as family requests do not always align with the resident's wishes.
- Clarifying responsibility and liability concerns.
- Ensuring a clear and well-defined consent process.
- Addressing staff-related considerations.

These are not minor details, they are fundamental to getting this right. With the significant number of bills introduced this session that impact providers, and the major work still needed on this bill, there simply isn't enough time to resolve these issues in a way that makes SB 134 effective and practical.

We welcome the opportunity to collaborate on this legislation in the future and contribute to meaningful solutions. At this time, we urge the committee not to advance SB 134..

Respectfully submitted,

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