

Testimony Opposed to House Bill 3838

Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Elmer, Vice-Chair Muñoz, and
Members of the House Committee Labor and Workplace
Standards,

I am a 5-year resident of Holladay Park Plaza, a CCRC, in Portland and I urge you to vote NO on HB 3838. I write as Chair of the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee, and also as a physician who for more than 50 years was involved in caring for residents of assisted living and nursing homes.

Due to many factors including the recent pandemic, inflation and aging of the caring workforce, the ability of CCRC's to provide care with the current standards is challenging. In a sector where a significant part of the care is provided by international caregivers, the impact of the current administration's actions have not yet begun to be felt.

Where these community-based organization are already highly regulated, adding yet another full bureaucratic layer of the proposed board will be costly and disruptive (even before any changes could be made). Making the CCRC's subject not only to unions, but to any "advocacy groups" and groups of previous employees will almost certainly increase the cost and decrease the quality of care which can be provided.

Please vote NO on HS 3838 to protect seniors and their access to care.

Thank you for reading.

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