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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB811

Got it! Here's the updated opposition statement:

Opposition to SB 811 – Protecting Oregon's Adult Care Homes

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 811 in its entirety, as it fails to recognize the distinct differences between adult care homes and larger residential care or assisted living facilities. Applying a one-size-fits-all regulatory approach unfairly burdens small, family-operated adult care homes, which operate under separate, established rules designed for their specific care model.

Key Points of Opposition:

1. Adult Care Homes Are Not Residential Care Facilities

Adult care homes provide personalized, home-like care in small settings, typically serving 5 or fewer residents.

Residential care and assisted living facilities are much larger, often housing dozens or even hundreds of residents, requiring different staffing models, oversight, and regulations.

2. Increased Regulations Would Harm Small Providers

SB 811's proposed licensing and inspection changes add unnecessary administrative burdens that could drive small providers out of business.

Annual inspections are already in place for adult care homes—additional layers of regulation are redundant and costly.

3. The Bill Fails to Recognize Current Licensing Structure

Oregon already has a separate licensing system for adult care homes, ensuring quality care without excessive oversight.

Our adult care homes operate with only two licenses through AAA, serving five counties.

If this bill passes, it will create unnecessary regulatory burdens that do not align with how small adult care homes function.

4. Adult Care Homes Provide Critical, High-Quality Care

These homes fill an essential gap in Oregon's senior care system by providing affordable, high-quality, and culturally sensitive care.

Overregulation could reduce options for seniors and people with disabilities who benefit from the intimate, family-like environment of adult care homes.

Call to Action

I urge lawmakers to remove adult care homes from SB 811 and respect the existing regulatory structure that has effectively governed these small, community-based homes. Regulations intended for large corporate facilities should not be forced upon small, independent care homes that operate under a completely different model.