

April 23, 2025

The Honorable Kayse Jama Chairman Senate Rules Committee 900 Court Street, NE

Dear Senator Jama,

The Oregon Association for Home Care (OAHC) represents providers of skilled home health, hospice, and in-home care throughout the state of Oregon. Home health care promotes better patient outcomes, is the patient preferred setting for medical care. OAHC prioritizes promoting the practice and utilization of high-quality homebased services in our communities as a cost-effective alternative to institutional care.

The safety of our employees is essential and we take every step possible to ensure their safety throughout the day. We greatly appreciate ONA's efforts to work with us on amendments to SB 537. These amendments reflect some of the best practices home health agencies are currently implementing to protect nurses and care providers.

We support the -3 and -4 amendments.

Best regards,

Jamie Daugherty President Oregon Association of Home Care