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As an owner of a long term care facility, I fully support increasing Medicaid rates to improve wages and benefits for caregivers. My group of peers has spent countless hours in Salem advocating for this! We know many are being paid at or near minimum wage. I also fully support improvements in training for all long term care facilities. We know many facilities do not properly train. My group of peers has advocated for this for years! However, this change should happen with legislative action and licensing. I cannot and do not support creating a quasi government branch that can exist above legislation and operate without repercussion, forcing homogenized staffing standards and factory-worker-esque caregiver trainings. The thought that SEiU can come up with a successful training program to service ALL Oregonians receiving care in Oregon (developmentally disabled teens and adults, those with dementia, those with cancer, those with schizophrenia, traumatic brain injury, those completely coherent but with paralysis, Parkinson's patients, those with AIDS, just to name a few...) a program that works for EVERY ONE of them in three years is absolutely absurd. It is detrimental to our most vulnerable people that we provide care for. Hard No on HB 3838.