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Adult care homes cannot afford to support this new bill and all of the ramifications that come from it.

While we WHOLEHEARTEDLY support caregivers and their needs, this bill just creates another layer of unnecessary bureaucracy and burden.

Here are the facts:

- Adult care homes are limited to five residents (and the potential income those residents may provide for the care home operator).
- We are already in compliance with all of Oregon Administrative Rules that pertain to adult care homes.
- We are licensed and inspected annually (with frequent monitoring visits throughout the year as well).
- We provide the best staffing ratio in the state (at minimum of 5:1, sometimes even 5:2)
- We follow regulatory guidelines already set forth from the Bureau of Labor and Industries.
- Care homes are individually owned and operated and have a personal interest in training and paying their caregivers well.

If implemented, this bill will ultimately cause many care homes to fail and close, as it is not sustainable. Where does this put out most vulnerable population? Back into the situations where they wanted to get out of in the first place! I have had many clients over the years that have sought me out because they wanted to get out of a nursing home, residential care facility or nursing home where they weren't getting the care they wanted.

Please do not move forward with this bill. It is NOT the answer to a complex situation.