

SB 1575-3
(LC 151)
2/13/26 (RH/ps)

Requested by Senator PATTERSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1575**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “creating new provisions;
2 amending ORS 443.860;”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 10.

4 Delete lines 12 through 25 and delete pages 2 through 5 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

6 **“(a) ‘Hospice program’ and ‘hospice services’ have the meanings
7 given those terms in ORS 443.850.**

8 **“(b) ‘Underserved area’ means a geographic area of this state in
9 which residents do not have adequate access to hospice services, in-
10 cluding:**

11 **“(A) An area with no hospice program currently serving residents;**

12 **“(B) An area in which existing hospice programs lack capacity to
13 meet community need; and**

14 **“(C) An area designated by state or federal laws or regulations as
15 rural, frontier or medically underserved.**

16 **“(c) ‘Underserved population’ means a group of individuals that
17 experience barriers to accessing hospice services, including:**

18 **“(A) Residents of rural or frontier counties;**

19 **“(B) Members of the nine federally recognized Indian tribes in this
20 state;**

21 **“(C) Individuals with limited English proficiency;**

1 **“(D) Individuals with disabilities;**
2 **“(E) Members of racial or ethnic minority communities; and**
3 **“(F) Individuals with low incomes or inadequate health care cover-**
4 **age.**

5 **“(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, until De-**
6 **cember 31, 2029, the Oregon Health Authority may not issue any new**
7 **initial licenses under ORS 443.860.**

8 **“(3) During the time frame specified in subsection (2) of this sec-**
9 **tion, the authority may issue a new initial license under ORS 443.860**
10 **to the following:**

11 **“(a) A hospice program licensed under ORS 443.860 that is seeking**
12 **a new initial license to operate a hospice program in a new service**
13 **area;**

14 **“(b) A hospice program licensed under ORS 443.860 that is seeking**
15 **a new initial license based on a change of ownership;**

16 **“(c) A health care provider licensed in this state, long term care**
17 **facility as defined in ORS 442.015 or residential care facility as defined**
18 **in ORS 443.400 that is seeking to provide hospice services to patients**
19 **or residents of the provider or facility; and**

20 **“(d) An applicant that proposes to serve an underserved area or an**
21 **underserved population.**

22 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2,**
23 **2030.**

24 **“SECTION 3. This 2026 Act being necessary for the immediate**
25 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
26 **declared to exist, and this 2026 Act takes effect on its passage.”**

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