

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.”.**