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Bill to improve in-home care options advances from committee *SB 1542 will allow more Oregonians to access safe, affordable care for their loved ones*

SALEM – This afternoon a Senate committee advanced a proposal to make in-home care more affordable for Oregon seniors and people with disabilities. Senate Bill 1542 would enable all Oregonians to choose and hire qualified caregivers through the existing Oregon Home Care Commission’s registry.

“Expanding access to the state’s in-home care registry will enable more Oregonians to hire a trained, background-checked caregiver who best meets their family’s needs,” said Senate Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland), chief sponsor of the bill. “This will mean greater independence, safety, and peace-of-mind for aging Oregonians and people with disabilities.”

Currently, only individuals covered by Medicaid may hire caregivers through the Oregon Home Care Commission registry and referral system. Testimony heard in a recent public hearing indicated that Oregonians without access to an in-home care registry face an uphill battle finding safe, affordable in-home care for seniors and family members with disabilities.

This bill expands access to a successful system to Oregonians at all income levels. *The New York Times* and AARP have lauded Oregon’s in-home care registry for its value in helping seniors and people with disabilities find secure and affordable in-home care so they can remain at home.

Senate Bill 1542 will go to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration.

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