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Senate Democrats Pass **Contentious Advance Directive Bill** ***Bill Limits Legislative Oversight***

SALEM, Ore. - Today, the Oregon State Senate passed House Bill 4135, which establishes a thirteen-member Advance Directive Adoption Committee (ADAC) to propose modifications to the Advance Directive form and instructions. The bill passed on a party-line vote.

"Senate Republican members worked on fixes to make this bill something we could support," said Senator Dennis Linthicum (R-Klamath Falls). "This is another example of a piece of legislation that is not appropriate for short session. When discussing end of life, we should have the time to get this process right."

"As elected officials, we were sent here to do the hard work," said Senator Jackie Winters (R-Salem). "We are talking about life and death decisions, and the Legislature should have the primary duty in ensuring that the Advance Directive form is crafted correctly, and that the language and directions are clear. This responsibility should not be punted to an outside group."

The bill provides that the Legislature will ratify the form that the ADAC produces, however this process means that the Legislature will not be directly involved in the crafting of the form and the directions.

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