

## Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

### Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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**To:** APD Adult Foster Home Providers  
**From:** Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit  
**Topic:** **Sprinkler Requirement Pause**

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During February's legislative session, [Senate Bill 1548](#) (SB 1548) passed. One of the bill's provisions provides a temporary pause to state building code requirements for sprinkler systems in **APD licensed adult foster homes serving five or fewer individuals**. The pause includes all homes licensed by APD prior to July 1, 2024.

SB 1548 also requires Department staff submit a report to the legislature by Oct. 1, 2022, about the impact of the sprinkler-system requirement on residential care settings. Areas to be covered in the report include:

- Impact on capacity to serve seniors and aging Oregonians in community-based settings
- Estimated costs of compliance including retrofitting existing licensed homes
- Proposals for how to implement fire suppression standards while minimizing disruption of services

In the coming months, APD will collaborate with providers and community partners to gather information for this report. We look forward to working with you.

If you have questions, please reach out to the APD policy team at [APD.AFHteam@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:APD.AFHteam@dhsosha.state.or.us).