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To: Providers in adult foster homes and group homes
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Fire system requirement — temporary pause

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 **ODDS-licensed group homes and adult foster homes serving five or fewer individuals**. The pause includes all homes licensed by ODDS prior to July 1, 2024.

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

- Effect of the requirement on capacity to serve individuals being discharged from the Oregon State Hospital
- Effect of the requirement on capacity to serve individuals with disabilities 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, ODDS 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 ODDS licensing team at DD.Licensing@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Sincerely,



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