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**Oregon Home Care Commission to hold executive session**

**Headline: Thursday, April 1**

**Who:** Oregon Home Care Commission

**What:** Executive session

**When:** Thursday, April 1, 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** 676 Church Street NE, Salem, OR

**Agenda item:** The commission will meet with governing body's representative to discuss ramifications of the new criminal background check law (ORS 192.660).

The commission is responsible for ensuring the quality of publicly funded in-home care services. The commission has three major charges: (1) to define qualifications of homecare workers; (2) to create a statewide registry of homecare workers; and (3) to provide training opportunities for homecare workers and consumers. Beyond these responsibilities, the Home Care Commission is also the "employer of record" for purposes of collective bargaining for homecare workers whose pay comes from public funds.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided as needed for individuals requesting assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters or large-print materials. Individuals needing these types of accommodations should call DHS at 1-800-282-8096 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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