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OREGON TO CREATE 300 NURSING HOME JOBS



More than 300 new nursing home jobs will be created across Oregon with the help of federal stimulus money. A combination of state and federal dollars will pay for more than 300 new nursing assistants in long-term care facilities in all 36 Oregon counties. That will help improve quality of care provided to elderly and disabled Oregonians by beefing up nursing home staffing to levels recommended by a governor's commission in 2007. The plan also will generate full-time jobs at a time when Oregon's unemployment rate has risen to 10.8%, the third highest in the nation. The state will use \$10 million from the federal stimulus package recently enacted by Congress, and \$4 million in state money.

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