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## **Oregon Home Care Commission meets October 1 and 2**

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**Who:** Oregon Home Care Commission

**What:** Public meetings

**When:** Drug-Free Policy Subcommittee, October 1, 10 – 11 a.m.  
Training Subcommittee, October 1, 1 – 2:30 p.m.  
Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee, October 1, 3 – 4:30 p.m.  
Full commission, October 2, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Home Care Commission, 676 Church St. NE, Salem

Agenda items for the full commission include public testimony (10:20 a.m.), HCC budget update (10:30 a.m.), workers' compensation update (10:45 a.m.), STEPS update (11 a.m.), training update (11:15 a.m.), registry update (11:30 a.m.), drug-free policy update (11:45 a.m.) and executive director's report (noon).

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. 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.

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