

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2566</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The floor amendment to HB 2566 adds a citation for the definition of facility, includes essential support persons in the list of people that a facility must provide reasonable access to and make the safety plan accessible to, and specify that the resident's representatives can withdraw consent for reasonable access if they are incapacitated.

The committee substitute for HB 2566 creates a new law stating that every long-term care facility must provide reasonable access to a resident by family, compassionate caregivers, essential support persons, and the Oklahoma Long Term Care Ombudsman, something for which the resident or their representatives, if they are incapacitated, can deny or withdraw consent. Compassionate caregivers are individuals who assist residents with activities of daily living. The resident must also receive reasonable access to health care providers. Longterm care facilities will be required to include and submit procedures for visitation during an emergency in their emergency preparedness plan sent to the Oklahoma Department of Health. The visitation plan must be made available to health care providers, family, essential support persons, and compassionate caregivers upon request. Visitation and access is subject to reasonable clinical and safety restrictions as ordered by the Stated Department of Health or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, but long-term care facilities are not allowed to eliminate all visitations. However, visitation can be temporarily suspended for a period not to exceed seventy-two hours based upon the Oklahoma State Department of Health emergency preparedness plan.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

After review, the floor amendment to HB2566 has no fiscal or revenue considerations to the state.

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**Other Considerations**

None.