

# 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## SKILLED NURSING HOME OPTIONS STUDY COMMITTEE

### ✘ THE ISSUE

LONG-TERM CARE OPTIONS ARE LIMITED IN GEORGIA



New Green House models of person-centered care nursing homes exist in other states but **only a few in Georgia.**

### ✔ THE FIX

A STUDY COMMITTEE CAN HELP EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

A **legislative study committee** can discuss various options for nursing home models to serve Georgia's seniors.



COVID-19 HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON NURSING HOMES



During the **COVID-19 pandemic** many nursing homes in Georgia experienced **heavy rates of infection.**

GREEN HOUSE MODEL HOMES HAD LOWER RATES OF COVID-19

Studies show that **Green House model** nursing homes had lower COVID-19 infection rates than traditional nursing homes.



*"We are requesting a legislative study committee to bring together stakeholders to re-imagine, redesign and transform long-term care options available to Georgians."*

— Carol Hanlon, The Wisdom Project 2030, Inc.

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#### STAFFING SHORTAGES ARE INCREASING

Staffing shortages are increasing nursing home costs and reducing availability of open beds for residents.



### THE FIX

#### STAFFING SHORTAGE SOLUTIONS NEED TO BE EXPLORED



Solutions to staffing shortages and high turnover rates in nursing homes need to be explored.

*CO-AGE is focused on helping older adults attain their best possible health wherever they are living.*

### About GCOA

The Council was created in 1977 by the Georgia legislature to serve in an advisory capacity on aging issues to the Governor, General Assembly, Department of Human Services, and all other state agencies.

### About CO-AGE

The Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (CO-AGE) is a diverse group of organizations, individuals, consumers, and providers interested in improving the quality of life for older Georgians through public policy.