76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Health Care, Human Services & Rural Health Policy

FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Shields
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Meeting Dates:	5/9

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes prohibition against health care representatives (HCR) admitting principal for treatment of mental illness.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Difference between an advance directive and a Declaration for Mental Health Treatment ٠
- Length of hospitalization allowed ٠
- Applicability on previously executed advance directives •

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Health Care Decisions Act of 1993, gives individuals the authority to authorize an HCR to make health care decisions when the principal is unable to direct his or her own health care. Senate Bill 221, passed by the Senate this legislative session, removes the sunset on the provision allowing HCRs to consent to short term hospitalization of the principal for treatment of dementia.

House Bill 2375 removes the prohibition against HCRs admitting principals for the treatment of mental illness.