

SB 816 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires hospitals to submit emergency department abstract records to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Authorizes OHA to issue rules to define the type of data and form that abstract records must contain for all patient discharge records. Allows OHA to charge a fee to ambulatory surgical centers for compiling discharge abstract records. Fees must be approved by the Oregon Health Policy Board. Authorizes the OHA to contract with a third-party to collect and process abstract records submitted to the agency. Takes effect, January 1st, 2018.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) maintains several programs that require reporting of health care data by health care facilities to inform policy development, program implementation, and system evaluation. Current law requires hospitals to provide OHA with ambulatory surgery and inpatient discharge abstract records, if requested by the agency. Types of data contained in an abstract record include: patient demographic data, type of discharge, services rendered by the facility, insurance status, and medical charges incurred by the patient. The information is used by OHA to evaluate statewide health policy.

Senate Bill 816 requires hospitals to submit patient discharge data to OHA from individuals that are admitted to an emergency department.