

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3090 - 2

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Measure Description:

Requires hospital submit policy for releasing patients from emergency department following treatment for behavioral health crisis.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU)

Analysis:

House Bill 3090 with the -2 amendment requires hospitals with an emergency department to adopt and implement policies for the release from their emergency departments of patients presenting with a behavioral health crisis, including suicide prevention measures that must be taken. The bill specifies the minimum requirements that these policies must meet. These hospitals are mandated to provide the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) with information regarding the adoption and implementation of these policies. The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017 legislative session adjourns sine die.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The fiscal impact of this bill to OHA is anticipated to be minimal. OHA is required to establish the form and manner that hospitals are to provide the agency with information regarding the adoption and implementation of policies for the release from their emergency departments of a patient presenting with a behavioral health crisis. The bill directs OHA to compile and study the information submitted by hospitals and report to the Legislature by January 1, 2018 on the barriers to implementing the policies and recommendations for legislative changes necessary to improve the behavioral health outcomes who are released from an emergency department following treatment for a behavioral crisis. OHA reports that this work would require approximately 0.13 FTE (one part-time Program Analyst 2 for six months) with an estimated cost of \$39,048 General Fund for the 2017-19 biennium.

Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU)

The fiscal impact of this bill to OHSU is anticipated to be minimal. OHSU reports that it will meet this reporting requirement with existing staff and resources.

Note that only part of OHSU agency’s budget is subject to Executive Branch review, or approval or modification by the Legislative Assembly. State funding is provided to OHSU for specific functions such as medical and nursing schools, Office of Rural Health, and the Poison Control Center. It is anticipated that the costs relating to this bill would be to OHSU units not directly provided State funding.