

HB 2302 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands Oregon State Hospital's (OSH) authority to apply for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other appropriate state and federal benefits on behalf of discharged patients. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: No Expenditure Impact

REVENUE: Minimal Revenue Impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Importance of access to benefits after discharge from Oregon State Hospital
- Current authority of Oregon State Hospital to apply for benefits on behalf of patients
- Current practice for patient's application for state and federal benefits
- Current public guardian program procedures

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon State Hospital (OSH) provides patient-centered, psychiatric treatment for adults from throughout the state who need hospital-level care. The hospital's primary goal is to help people recover from their illness and return to the community. Services include psychiatric evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment, as well as community outreach and peer support.

House Bill 2302 expands OSH's authority apply for certain public assistance, medical assistance, or other appropriate state or federal benefits on behalf of eligible patients being discharged from OSH. Newly applicable benefits include Temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), Oregon Supplemental Income Program, specified general assistance, and any other state or federal benefits.