

HB 3090 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Keny-Guyer

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/17/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines "behavioral health crisis" and "lethal means counseling" and adds to current health facilities statutes (ORS 441.015 to 441.063). Requires hospitals to provide Oregon Health Authority (OHA) with the discharge policy. Directs OHA to compile and study the information no later than January 1, 2018 and report to the appropriate Legislative Assembly interim committees by January 1, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of insurer coverage of behavioral assessment and behavioral crisis
- Oregon hospital emergency rooms the front line for mental health issues
- Lack of transitional care for clients discharged from emergency room
- Different criteria for behavioral health clinicians between coordinated care organizations and commercial insurance carriers
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2023, which directed hospitals to adopt and enforce discharge policies for individuals who have been hospitalized for mental health treatment. Additionally, the bill specified that the policies include: a signed (by the patient) disclosure authorization; risk of suicide assessment; long-term needs; needed community services; patient's capacity for self-care; a process to coordinate the patient's care and transition from the hospital setting to outpatient treatment; and the scheduling of a follow-up appointment for no later than seven days after discharge.