

HB 2302 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 04/26/17

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Access to benefits after discharge from Oregon State Hospital
- Current authority and practice of Oregon State Hospital to apply for benefits on behalf of patients
- 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 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 to apply for certain public assistance, medical assistance, or other appropriate state or federal benefits on behalf of eligible patients being discharged from care to include temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), the Oregon Supplemental Income Program, specified general assistance, and any other state or federal benefits.