

HB 3090 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 05/17/17

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

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

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires hospitals with emergency departments to adopt discharge policies for release of patients experiencing “behavioral health crisis,” including “suicide prevention measures” if necessary. Requires hospitals to provide copy of release policy to Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Directs OHA to compile information and report to Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2018. Defines terms. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Connecting behavioral health patients with immediate care in hospital and long term outside care
- Setting uniform expectations of behavioral health crisis care in hospitals
- Professional staff facilitating patient movement to long term care rather than patient-initiated
- Inability of many behavioral health patients to seek help on their own

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2023, which directed hospitals to adopt and enforce discharge policies for individuals admitted for mental health treatment. The measure specified that policies include a disclosure authorization signed by the patient and assessments of suicide risk, long-term needs, needed community services, and the patient’s capacity for self-care, along with a process to coordinate the patient’s care and transition from inpatient to outpatient treatment and a follow-up appointment no later than seven days after discharge.

House Bill 3090-A requires hospitals with emergency departments to adopt policies to release patients presenting signs of “behavioral health crisis” and to provide “suicide prevention measures” if necessary. It also requires hospitals to submit information on adopted policies to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and directs OHA to make recommendations to the legislature to improve behavioral health outcomes by January 1, 2018.