

# House Bill 2302

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Permits Oregon Health Authority staff to apply for additional state or federal benefits on behalf of Oregon State Hospital patients who will be discharged.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Oregon State Hospital patients; amending ORS 426.300; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 426.300 is amended to read:

426.300. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall, by filing a written certificate with the last committing court and the court of residence, discharge an individual from court commitment, except one held upon an order of a court or judge having criminal jurisdiction in an action or proceeding arising out of criminal offense, if the authority finds that the individual is no longer a person with mental illness or that the transfer of the individual to a voluntary status is in the individual's best interest.

(2) The authority may sign applications for public assistance [*or*], **as defined in ORS 411.010**, medical assistance, as defined in ORS 414.025, **or any other state or federal benefits** on behalf of those individuals who may be eligible for public assistance, [*or*] medical assistance **or any other state or federal benefits** upon discharge.

**SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.