

HB 4020

Relating to health care facilities

HB 4020 requires the Oregon Health Authority to implement a new program to license extended stay centers. The bill requires hospitals to have a written financial assistance policy that meets the plain language standards. The bill also requires the Oregon Patient Safety Commission to include extended stay centers in its voluntary adverse-event reporting program. The licensing of extended stay centers is intended to offer patients a less expensive option than inpatient hospital recovery. If this bill becomes law, and surgeons and other providers accepting Medicaid opt to use extended stay centers, coordinated care organizations and the state may realize savings.

The Oregon Health Authority estimates the cost of implementing this program to be \$498,565 total funds, 1 position, and 0.58 FTE for the 2017-19 biennium; and \$516,803 total funds and 0.25 FTE for the 2019-21 biennium. The bill allows OHA to establish fees to offset the costs of administering this program.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 4020 by amended by the –A13 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.