

HB 2215 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority to provide personal privacy and security for individuals committed with mental illness that includes resting, sleeping, dressing, bathing, personal hygiene, and toileting.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Hospital (OSH), operated under the direction of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) provides patient-centered, psychiatric treatment for adults from throughout the state who need hospital-level care with two campuses, one in Salem and one in Junction City. The Oregon State Hospital serves individuals who are involuntary and voluntarily committed, who have committed a crime related to a mental illness, or not able to participate in civil proceedings due to a mental illness. OSH serves more than 1,400 people per year and employs more than 2,000 staff. Hospital-level care includes: 24-hour, on-site nursing, psychiatric and other credentialed professional staff, treatment planning, pharmacy, laboratory, food and nutritional services, vocational and educational services.

Current Oregon law (ORS 426.385) provides rights to individuals committed to OHA. House Bill 2215 adds to the existing guaranteed rights of patients committed to the state hospital.