

HB 2215 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands rights of individuals with mental illness committed under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Health Authority to include reasonable privacy and security while resting, sleeping, dressing, and taking care of personal hygiene. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Hospital (OSH) and many residential facilities operate under and are licensed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Individuals committed to OSH or ordered to undergo treatment in a residential setting have a variety of rights under Oregon law, including the right to reasonable telephone access, to wear their own clothing, to have a written treatment plan and be kept current on their progress, to be compensated for work, and to access the outdoors daily, among others.

House Bill 2215 expands the rights of individuals with mental illness and committed to OHA-licensed or regulated facilities to include reasonable privacy and security while resting, sleeping, dressing, or engaging in personal hygiene activities.