

House Bill 2963

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE

SUMMARY

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Adds requirements for suspension of hospital nurse staffing plan during national or state emergency declaration.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to hospital nurse staffing plans; amending ORS 441.165.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 441.165 is amended to read:

5 441.165. (1) For purposes of this section, "epidemic" means the occurrence of a group of similar
6 conditions of public health importance in a community or region that are in excess of normal ex-
7 pectancy and that are from a common or propagated source.

8 (2) Notwithstanding ORS 441.155 and 441.156, a hospital is not required to follow a written
9 hospital-wide staffing plan developed and approved by the hospital nurse staffing committee under
10 ORS 441.154 upon the occurrence of:

11 (a) A national [*or state*] emergency **or state emergency declared under ORS 401.165 to**
12 **401.236 or 433.441 to 433.452** requiring the implementation of a facility disaster plan[, *or upon the*
13 *occurrence of*] **and crisis standards of care;**

14 (b) Sudden unforeseen adverse weather conditions; or

15 (c) An infectious disease epidemic suffered by hospital staff.

16 (3)(a) **No later than 30 days after a hospital deviates from a written hospital-wide staffing**
17 **plan under subsection (2)(a) of this section, the hospital incident command shall report to**
18 **the cochairs of the hospital nurse staffing committee established under ORS 441.154 an as-**
19 **essment of the nurse staffing needs arising from the national or state emergency declara-**
20 **tion.**

21 (b) **Upon receipt of the report described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the hospital**
22 **nurse staffing committee shall convene to develop a contingency nurse staffing plan to ad-**
23 **dress the needs arising from the national or state emergency declaration. The contingency**
24 **nurse staffing plan must include crisis standards of care.**

25 (c) **The hospital's deviation from the written hospital-wide staffing plan may not be in**
26 **effect for more than 90 days without the approval of the hospital nurse staffing committee.**

27 [(3)] (4) Upon the occurrence of [*an*] **a national or state emergency [*circumstance*] declaration**
28 **or circumstances** not described in subsection (2) of this section, either cochair of the hospital
29 nurse staffing committee may require the hospital nurse staffing committee to meet to review and
30 potentially modify the staffing plan in response to the emergency [*circumstance*] **declaration or**
31 **circumstances.**

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.

