Senate Bill 686

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (at the request of Ann Kasper, MA, PSS) (Presession filed.)

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.

Establishes right to receive inpatient psychiatric care in person and on-site. Requires hospital, state hospital and secure intensive community inpatient facility to inform patients or residents of right to in-person and on-site care and to offer patient or resident choice to receive psychiatric care in person and on-site.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to mental health care.

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

SECTION 1. (1) An individual receiving inpatient psychiatric care described in subsection (2) of this section in a hospital licensed under ORS 441.015, a state hospital or a secure intensive community inpatient facility has the right to have the psychiatric care provided to the individual in person and on-site and to refuse to receive psychiatric care through electronic means from a psychiatrist or other mental health care provider who is not on the premises.

(2) A hospital licensed under ORS 441.015, a state hospital and a secure intensive community inpatient facility shall inform an individual, verbally and in writing, of the individual's rights under subsection (1) of this section and offer the individual the choice to receive in-person and on-site care from a psychiatrist or other mental health care provider for:

(a) The initial evaluation and ongoing treatment;

(b) Prescribing medications; and

(c) Conducting assessments or evaluations under ORS 137.464 or ORS 161.315, in civil commitment proceedings or in any other circumstances requiring the evaluation of the individual's mental competency.