

SB 229 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/17, 4/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Updates terminology related to reporting of serious adverse events, including adding definition for "adverse event." Modifies Oregon Patient Safety Commission (OPSC) membership for representatives of group purchasers of health care and health care consumers. Modifies duties and responsibilities of OPSC and Oregon Patient Safety Reporting Program.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 25; Nays, 5

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Prevalence of adverse events in health care
- Adverse events versus serious adverse events
- Current gaps in data collection on equity

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Patient Safety Commission (OPSC) was established in 2003 as a semi-independent state agency that supports health care facilities and providers in improving patient safety. The Patient Safety Reporting Program (PSRP) allows health care facilities to voluntarily provide information about serious patient harm (or near misses) and strategies for preventing future events. OPSC analyzes the details of reported events and shares broader lessons learned to support health care facilities in improving patient safety. The Early Discussion and Resolution (EDR) process connects patients that have experienced harm and their health care provider so that the parties can speak candidly about what occurred and collaboratively work towards reconciliation.

Senate Bill 229 would update terminology and responsibilities related to the Oregon Patient Safety Commission and reporting on adverse health care events.