

B-Engrossed
Senate Bill 1570

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dated February 26

Sponsored by Senator CAMPOS, Representatives GRAYBER, RUIZ, Senators BROADMAN, GELSER BLOUIN, GORSEK, PATTERSON, REYNOLDS, Representatives CHAICHI, RIEKE SMITH; Senators FREDERICK, GOLDEN, MANNING JR, NERON MISLIN, PHAM K, PROZANSKI, SOLLMAN, Representatives GAMBA, SOSA, WALTERS, WISE (at the request of Oregon Nurses Association) (Pre-session 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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Limits when a hospital may share certain info. Tells a hospital to assign which areas of the hospital are not open to the public. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.2).

[Prohibits a hospital from disclosing for purposes of law enforcement individually identifiable health information or information concerning a person's citizenship or immigration status unless disclosure is required by state or federal law or court order or for ensuring continuity of care.] Requires **[a hospital] hospitals to have policies and procedures in place that address how the hospital will respond if a law enforcement authority arrives at the hospital and** to designate which areas of the hospital are not open to the public.

Makes it an unlawful employment practice for a hospital or federally qualified health center to retaliate or take disciplinary action against an employee for distributing informational or educational materials concerning immigration rights and legal services. Allows an employee alleging a violation to file a complaint with the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Requires hospitals and federally qualified health centers to treat information concerning a person's citizenship or immigration status or a person's country of birth in the same manner as protected health information. **Prohibits hospitals and federally qualified health centers from disclosing for the purpose of law enforcement information concerning a person's citizenship or immigration status or a person's country of birth unless disclosure is required by state or federal law or an order of a court.**

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to protections in health care facilities; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) "Hospital" has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.

6 (b)(A) "Law enforcement authority" includes a federal, state or local law enforcement
7 authority.

8 (B) "Law enforcement authority" does not include a police department established under
9 ORS 353.125.

10 (2) A hospital shall adopt and maintain written policies and procedures that:

11 (a) Address how the hospital will respond if a law enforcement authority arrives at the
12 hospital; and

13 (b) Identify for the hospital at least one administrator in a supervisory role who is des-
14 ignated to respond when a law enforcement authority arrives at the hospital.

15 (3) For purposes of responding to a law enforcement authority who arrives at the hospi-
16 tal, a hospital shall designate which areas of the hospital are not open to the public. Areas

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.

1 **designated as not open to the public must include any area:**

2 (a) **Where entry or access to the area is controlled; or**

3 (b) **That is a patient room.**

4 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, “health care facility” means:**

5 (a) **A hospital as defined in ORS 442.015.**

6 (b) **A federally qualified health center as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(l)(2).**

7 (2) **It is an unlawful employment practice for a health care facility to retaliate or take**
8 **disciplinary action against an employee of the health care facility because the employee has**
9 **distributed informational or educational materials concerning immigrant rights and available**
10 **immigration legal services if the materials are published or otherwise made available by a**
11 **state agency.**

12 (3) **An employee who alleges a violation of this section may file a complaint with the**
13 **Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries in the manner provided by ORS**
14 **659A.820.**

15 (4) **Nothing in this section prohibits a collective bargaining agreement from establishing**
16 **terms that are more protective than the requirements under this section.**

17 **SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 192.553 to**
18 **192.581.**

19 **SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section:**

20 (a) **“Health care facility” means:**

21 (A) **A hospital as defined in ORS 442.015.**

22 (B) **A federally qualified health center as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(l)(2).**

23 (b) **“Information concerning a person’s citizenship or immigration status” has the**
24 **meaning given that term in ORS 180.805.**

25 (2) **Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a health care provider that is a**
26 **health care facility shall treat information concerning a person’s citizenship or immigration**
27 **status or a person’s country of birth in the same manner that the health care provider is**
28 **required to treat protected health information under state law.**

29 (3) **Notwithstanding ORS 192.558 (2)(b), a health care facility may not disclose for the**
30 **purpose of law enforcement information concerning a person’s citizenship or immigration**
31 **status or a person’s country of birth unless disclosure is required by state or federal law or**
32 **an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.**

33 **SECTION 5. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026**
34 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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