

SB 23 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to obtain discharge abstract records from hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs), or third parties working on behalf of those entities. Permits OHA to charge fee to ambulatory surgical centers to cover the cost of abstracting and compiling records. Requires OHA to notify entities submitting data of any changes to the data sets that must be submitted, no later than July 1 of the calendar year preceding the effective date of the changes. Allows OHA to contract with a third party to receive and process discharge abstract records.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority's Office of Health Analytics collects and analyzes data to help inform health policy development, program implementation, and system evaluation. For example, the All Payer All Claims Database (APAC) collects medical and pharmacy claims, enrollment data, premium information, and provider information for Oregonians who are insured through commercial insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare. This data is used to measure health care costs, quality, and utilization.

Hospital emergency departments are a significant entry point to the health care system; approximately half of inpatient stays in Oregon start in the emergency department. While data collected in APAC can provide insight into some of these visits, it does not capture emergency department visits for the uninsured population. Current law allows OHA to request, and hospitals to voluntarily provide, ambulatory surgery and inpatient discharge records.

Senate Bill 23 makes discharge data reporting mandatory for hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers licensed to operate in Oregon.