

## **SB 1076 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Health Care**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires hospitals to have a discharge planning policy and process for homeless patients. Requires hospital staff to inquire about patients' housing status and to create an individualized discharge plan for each homeless patient. Requires hospitals to discharge homeless patients during the daytime between the dates of October 1 to April 30 each year. Requires hospitals to note the destination to which a patient is discharged in the patient's medical record. Restricts hospitals from discriminating against a patient based on housing status. Requires hospitals, when transferring a patient to another facility, to communicate the patient's post-hospitalization and behavioral health needs. Requires hospitals to have a written plan, updated annually, to coordinate services with local health care providers, behavioral health agencies, social services agencies, and nonprofit agencies.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces the measure. Establishes a task force on hospital discharge policies to develop recommendations for policies for discharging patients who are homeless. Directs the task force to develop recommendations for hospitals to screen and document patients' housing status, to create an individualized discharge plan, and to provide or plan for the basic needs of each patient who is homeless, including needs for food, clothing, transportation, and shelter. Directs leadership of the Legislative Assembly to appoint four members and the Governor to appoint 13 members, to include representatives of hospitals, social services providers, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness. Directs the task force to report back to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2024.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

Oregon law (ORS 441.054) requires hospitals to adopt and implement policies for discharging patients who are hospitalized for mental health treatment. This includes care coordination and assessment of long-term needs, including the patient's capacity for self-care and need for community-based services. These discharge provisions apply when patients are hospitalized for behavioral health care, but do not specifically apply to homeless patients who are hospitalized for other health conditions.

In 2018, California passed Senate Bill 1152, which requires each hospital to include a written homeless patient discharge planning policy and requires certain conditions to be met prior to discharging the homeless patient.

Senate Bill 1076 requires hospitals to have a discharge planning policy and process for homeless patients and to create an individualized discharge plan for each homeless patient.