

House Bill 3547

Sponsored by Representative MORGAN

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 Shelter Plus program to provide temporary shelter and wraparound social and medical services to individuals discharged from hospitals who do not have appropriate housing in which to recover. Appropriates moneys for program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to medical respite shelter services; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) **The Shelter Plus program is established in the Department of Human Services. The purpose of the program is to provide temporary shelter and wraparound social and medical services to individuals discharged from hospitals who do not have appropriate housing in which to recover. The program shall be administered in collaboration with public and private organizations and service providers, which may include but are not limited to one or more of the following that serve the area where a respite medical shelter is located:**

(a) **Hospitals;**

(b) **Community-based organizations;**

(c) **Coordinated care organizations;**

(d) **Local public health authorities;**

(e) **Offices of the Department of Human Services serving the community where the respite medical shelter is located; and**

(f) **Local housing authorities.**

(2) **An individual qualifies for the Shelter Plus program if the individual:**

(a) **Has been discharged from a hospital or other acute care setting; and**

(b) **Is homeless or lacks an appropriate clean and dry environment in which to recover.**

(3) **Services located on-site in a medical respite shelter shall include:**

(a) **Social work or case management;**

(b) **Security services;**

(c) **Laundry;**

(d) **Transportation; and**

(e) **Meals.**

(4) **During their stay at a medical respite shelter, individuals shall also receive any needed:**

(a) **Care coordination;**

(b) **Primary care services;**

(c) **Prescription drugs;**

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 **(d) Peer support;**
- 2 **(e) Behavioral health services;**
- 3 **(f) Physical and occupational therapy;**
- 4 **(g) Home health services;**
- 5 **(h) Durable medical equipment; or**
- 6 **(i) Housing navigation services.**

7 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
8 **ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of**
9 **the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall be used to carry out section 1 of this**
10 **2023 Act.**

11 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
12 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
13 **July 1, 2023.**

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