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**Bill Title:** Relating to challenges faced by hospitals in discharging patients with complex needs to post-acute care settings.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Judicial Department, Long Term Care Ombudsman

**Summary of Fiscal Impact**

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Long Term Care Ombudsman	\$ 904,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 904,102	5	2.50
2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Long Term Care Ombudsman	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

**Measure Description**

SB 1507-4 replaces the introduced measure. The measure appropriates \$904,102 General Fund to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to be directed to the Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator (OPGC). The OPGC is directed to use this appropriation to provide services for individuals discharging from hospitals to post-acute care settings with complex needs.

**Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal impact of the measure represents the \$904,102 General Fund appropriation for services to patients with complex needs who are being discharged from hospitals to post-acute care settings. Based on input from the Long Term Care Ombudsman, the agency would use these funds to add four deputy public guardian positions (2.50 FTE) and a manager, with a total position cost of \$841,158 General Fund. Currently, OPGC has a caseload of 160-185 clients, with each deputy public guardian able to manage about 20 clients. This staffing expansion would allow the program to serve a caseload of 240-265, reducing the OPGC’s current waitlist.

The estimated fiscal impact assumes the appropriation established for the 2023-25 biennium is one-time and the agency would need to request the funding to be reauthorized in its 2025-27 budget.

The measure has a minimal impact on the Judicial Department.

**Relevant Dates**

The General Fund appropriation becomes operative on July 1, 2024.

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.