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To: Human Services Subcommittee
From: Chelsey Herrmann, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 11, 2025
Subject: SB 296 – Relating to hospital discharge challenges
Work Session Recommendations

SB 296 requires action from the Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) to improve hospital discharges. Actions required include:

- DHS and OHA to create a dashboard that measures processing times for eligibility determinations for long term care services and supports.
- DHS and OHA to conduct an operational review of eligibility determinations for long term care services and supports and submit a report to the legislature by August 15, 2026.
- DHS and OHA to consider options to waive or expedite asset testing for eligibility determinations for long term care services and supports and submit a report to the legislature by September 30, 2026.
- OHA to provide a post-hospital extended care benefit to Medicaid recipients and include this benefit in new contracts with coordinated care organizations (CCOs). OHA must seek federal approval by September 1, 2025, and;
- Conduct the following studies:
 - DHS and OHA to study the regulatory governance for facilities serving individuals with complex medical or behavioral conditions and submit a report to the legislature by August 15, 2026.
 - DHS and HCSD to study how building codes may affect Adult foster homes and community-based care and submit a report to the legislature by August 15, 2026,
 - Requires DHS and OHA to study options to expand medical respite programs and submit a report to the legislature by August 15, 2026.

There are two recommended amendments to the measure:

- The -A3 amendment that replaces the measure with language from the engrossed measure, excluding the requirement of DHS and OHA to consider options to waive or expedite asset testing for eligibility determinations for long term care services and supports and submit a report to the legislature by September 30, 2026.
- The -A5 amendment adds budget authority of \$8.5 million total funds for the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA). General Fund is increased for DHS by \$2.1 million for Central services and an increase of \$2.1 million Federal Fund expenditure limitation for Central services. General Fund is increased for OHA by \$1.9 million, broken out by program area, and an increase of \$2.5 million Federal Fund expenditure limitation by program area.

-A3 Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A3 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A3 amendment to SB 296. *(vote)*

-A5 Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A5 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A5 amendment to SB 296. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 296, as amended by the –A3 and –A5 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 296, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: