

Support SB 140: Patient access to in-patient psychiatric services statewide.

Over the last decade, community hospitals with psychiatric units have been caring for more patients civilly committed and in need of long-term psychiatric treatment and rehabilitation. Many of these patients would have previously received care at the Oregon State Hospital.

SB 140 establishes a commensurate reimbursement rate for civilly committed patients in acute care settings.

Acute care hospitals are caring for patients that were previously admitted to the Oregon State Hospital. To accommodate these patients' greater resources are required – like increased hospital staffing and physical environment adjustments. SB 140 will develop a more sustainable reimbursement model, ensuring hospitals aren't penalized for serving this vulnerable population.

SB 140 maximizes resources and ensures access to the appropriate level of care.

The current admission and interview process patients are required to endure causes more trauma and uncertainty for them and their families. Administrative simplification will improve the patient experience and reduce burden on the state and community providers.

- Create a transparent process around psychiatric facility waitlists, including OSH, to maximize resources and appropriate placement.
- Establish clear criteria for OSH admission and the order in which patients are admitted.
- Require development of a comprehensive patient care plan in partnership with coordinated care organizations and community mental health programs to meet individual needs.

SB 140 centers the patient experience in the admission process.

Patients should not have to tell their story repeatedly. SB 140 will stop the practice of having a patient “interview” repeatedly for each extended-care setting to which they apply and develop a more humane, trauma-informed process

We urge you to support SB 140, to improve behavioral health care for our most vulnerable Oregonians.

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