

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB2079** by Uresti (Relating to the continuing care plan for persons being discharged from state hospitals.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

This bill amends Section 574.081 of the Health and Safety Code to require that the discharge plan prepared by a patient's physician specifically address transportation of the patient after discharge and coordination of that issue with the local mental health authority and other appropriate persons with whom the patient has authorized communication. It is assumed that any costs associated with the new requirement can be absorbed within existing Department of State Health Services resources.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill would require local mental health authorities to address transportation issues for patients who are discharged from a facility based on a plan prepared by a physician. The fiscal impact to local mental health authorities is not anticipated to be significant.

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