

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kotek, Maurer, Greenlick
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Exc.:	Kennemer, Thompson
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Meeting Dates:	4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits Governor to authorize some members of Oregon National Guard to provide health care services in Oregon in declared state of emergency under ORS 401.055 or public health emergency under ORS 433.441. Authorized Guard members would not be subject to Oregon licensing requirements for health care providers, provided each member is qualified by virtue of his or her military position, training, and qualifications to perform the same functions as an Oregon licensed health care provider for the Armed Forces of the United States under either state or federal status.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- More tools available at times of crisis
- Differences between active and reserve duty
- How to license military personnel when they become civilians

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Army Department of Combat Medic Training (DCMT) serves as the proponent for the 68W Health Care Specialist and the Army Emergency Medical Service (EMS). DCMT qualifies health care specialists (combat medics) at skill level 10 and 30 who are National Registry Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) certified. Oregon has approximately 11,393 emergency medical technicians and first responders, out of a total population of 3.7 million. The Oregon Military Department indicates that the total number of on-hand military health care professionals in the state include 283 medics in the Army Guard, 86 medics in the Air Guard, and 30 doctors, physician assistants and registered nurses.