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Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Yeas:	Boone, Freeman, Komp, Matthews, Riley, Cowan
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Meeting Dates:	3/31, 4/16, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Human Services to adopt administrative rules that take into account experience in lieu of education for emergency medical technicians (EMTs) applying for certification by indorsement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The need to make Oregon more user-friendly for out-of-state EMTs
- Challenges to recruiting combat medics of the U.S. military exiting the service
- Concern that experience and education are important to becoming a paramedic
- Widespread support from the Oregon EMT Education Consortium, Oregon Fire Medical Administrators Association, and agency officials

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Since 1999, Oregon has allowed paramedics from out-of-state to apply for reciprocity providing individuals up to thirty-months to accomplish the education requirements (OAR Chapter 333). The Department of Human Services (DHS) asserts there are 250 nationally-registered paramedics in the U.S. military, the majority being concentrated in the U.S. Air Force. The Oregon State Paramedic Association indicates there are approximately 3,500 Paramedics in Oregon, primarily located in the Willamette Valley and major urban-metropolitan areas.

House Bill 3097-A requires DHS to adopt administrative rules that take into account experience in lieu of education for EMTs applying for certification by endorsement. Proponents of the measure assert the need to support combat medics of the U.S. military exiting the service to seamlessly acquire reciprocity in Oregon to become emergency responders.