

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Esquivel, Freeman, Komp, Matthews, Riley, Weidner, Cowan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/7, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides flexibility for emergency ambulance service providers during declared state of emergency. Prohibits county, city, special district or 9-1-1 jurisdiction from penalizing these agencies for not meeting contractual response times and staffing levels. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenges to mobilizing resources and ambulance providers across jurisdictional lines
- The need to ensure public safety without the worry of its effect on contractual requirements
- The need to provide flexibility under contractual agreements during extreme circumstances
- Widespread support among emergency response community and public officials

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, Oregon's 9-1-1 emergency ambulance service providers are under city or county contract with requirements for response times and staffing. Providers are statutorily limited from responding to a catastrophe outside their ambulance service area. House Bill 3255 prohibits these jurisdictions from penalizing emergency ambulance service providers when they're unable to meet their staffing levels as a result of dispatching personnel and resources to another emergency-related matter across jurisdiction lines. Proponents of the measure assert that flexibility must be provided in order to ensure both public safety and compliance while being resourceful to responding to outside ambulance service area emergencies.