

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/19

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:

- Applies only to Governor-declared emergencies
- Ambulance operators can respond immediately to disaster and backfill primary service area with off-duty personnel, where needed

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. House Bill 3255 prohibits cities and counties from penalizing ambulance providers when they're unable to meet their staffing levels as a result of responding to declared states of emergency. 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.