

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 234 - B

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Measure Description:

Modifies terminology relating to emergency medical services providers.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Medical Board (OMB)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 234 B-Engrossed requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules to establish levels of licensure for emergency medical services providers, and modifies terminology relating to the licensing of emergency medical services providers including replacing the terms “certified” with “licensed” and “emergency medical technician” with “emergency medical services providers.” In addition, the bill requires OHA to adopt national Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel licensing standards and requires the Oregon Medical Board EMS committee to establish scope of practice for emergency medical responders.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have minimal budgetary impact on OHA. If this bill passes, OHA will need to adopt rules, as well as modify licensing forms, internet content and training materials. OHA reports that because this work aligns with the LEAN transformation initiative to streamline work processes and improved efficiency currently underway in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program, the authority anticipates absorbing this additional work with existing staff and resources.

In order to adopt national EMS personnel licensing standards, OHA will need to modify the Oregon EMS system to align Oregon standards with national standards. The authority estimates the contractor cost to be approximately \$19,125 Other Funds. OHA reports that the current revenue balance for the EMS Program is adequate to cover this one-time cost without a fee increase.

Oregon Medical Board (OMB)

Senate Bill 234 B-Engrossed requires the Oregon Medical Board EMS committee to establish scope of practice for emergency medical responders. The Oregon Medical Board reports that passage of this bill will have no fiscal impact for the board. The board will use existing staff and resources to comply with the provisions of this bill.