76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 7 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson

Nays: 0

Exc.: Kennemer

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Meeting Dates: 3/28, 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates \$300,000 from General Fund to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for purposes of operating mobile training unit for emergency medical technicians. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

MEASURE: HB 3580

CARRIER:

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current barriers to educational opportunities for rural communities
- Update on Oregon's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Trauma Program
- Current EMS staffing throughout Oregon
- Current Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training
- Funding issues

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Mobile Training Units (MTUs) provide the mandated continuing education for certified volunteer Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel in Oregon's rural communities. The MTUs, rural ambulance and first response agencies provide the 9-1-1 services in rural Oregon communities.

Due to Oregon's budget situation, funding was eliminated for the two MTUs, House Bill 3580 is requesting \$300,000 for one MTU to maintain rural EMS training and annual recertification for 2011-13.