

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/28, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies provisions relating to emergency medical services (EMS). Changes the name of the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program to the Emergency Health Care System Program (Program). Enumerates components of the comprehensive emergency health care system. Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to designate trauma and emergency health care regions and create a trauma and emergency health care committee for each region. Modifies membership of regional trauma and emergency health care committees. Changes name of Oregon Trauma Registry to Oregon Emergency Health Care and Trauma Registries (Registries). Requires OHA Director to appoint a Trauma and Emergency Health Care System Advisory Board, a State Trauma Advisory Board, and a Stroke Care Committee. Creates State Pediatric Emergency Health Care Advisory Committee. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Emergency Health Care Task Force Recommendations
- Emphasis on collaboration

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies membership of regional trauma and emergency health care committees. Establishes Trauma and Emergency Health Care System Advisory Board and Stroke Care Committee.

BACKGROUND: In 2009, the National Report Card on the State of Emergency Medicine, published by the American College of Emergency Physicians, gave Oregon a grade of “D” for problems related to EMS and the trauma system. As a result, the Department of Human Services formed the Oregon Emergency Health Care Task Force (Task Force) to assess and make recommendations for improvements to the emergency health care system.

Senate Bill 234-A represents initial implementation of the Task Force’s recommendations. The bill accomplishes four key objectives: (1) renames the EMS and Trauma Systems Program the Oregon Emergency Health Care System Program and requires representatives of this program to report regularly to the Legislative Assembly; (2) creates emergency health care regions charged with creating local plans to address time-dependent critical emergencies; (3) authorizes and protects collection of clinical data to be used to improve the quality of emergency health care; and, (4) creates the Trauma and Emergency Health Care System Advisory Board and defines coordination between it and other advisory committees to focus on specific aspects of emergency care.