

**REVENUE:** No Revenue Impact

**FISCAL:** No Fiscal Impact

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 5-0-3

**Yeas:** Bentz, Brewer, Wand, Barnhart, Berger

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Bailey, Gelser, Read

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**Meeting Dates:** 6/16

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**WHAT THE BILL DOES:** Removes ambulance services from the list of fee schedules used to calculate provider charges for personal injury protection benefits. Declares an emergency and takes effect on September 1, 2011.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Contents of HB 3678
- Difference between HB 3678 and SB 372A

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:** None

**BACKGROUND:** The new Oregon workers' compensation fee schedule provides an 80 percent reimbursement rate for ambulance service charges. ORS 724.525 ties reimbursement rates for personal injury protection (PIP) benefits to the workers' compensation fee schedule.

This bill decouples ambulance service billings for PIP benefits from the workers' compensation fee schedule, which means that ambulance service charges for PIP will be paid as billed.