

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Cannon, Doherty, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Hoyle
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Meeting Dates:	4/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows previously licensed, certified or otherwise authorized health care provider to register as emergency health care provider. Provides health care services without license or certification during Governor-declared emergency. Authorizes Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to direct emergency health care providers to proceed to another state where emergency health care services are required; to adopt rules, after consultation with health professional regulatory board that establishes criteria and requirements for including persons on emergency health care provider registry. Requires criminal background check for the registry.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current registry
- Medical Reserve Corps
- Need for medical providers during disaster, natural or otherwise
- Builds on existing system

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP) maintains a registry for health care volunteers. PHEP currently has over 1,400 registered volunteers. Currently, Oregon only allows individuals licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or permitted to administer health care services by the laws of Oregon or another state to register as an emergency health care provider.

Senate Bill 563-A expands the law to allow retired individuals who were previously licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or permitted to administer health care services by the laws of Oregon to register as an emergency health care provider. The change benefits rural areas that have a limited number of registered volunteers.