House Bill 3580

Sponsored by Representative THOMPSON; Representatives BOONE, COWAN, GARRARD, HOYLE, JENSON, G SMITH, WHISNANT, Senators FERRIOLI, THOMSEN

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Health Authority for purposes of operating mobile training unit for emergency medical technicians. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to administration of public funds; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas much of Oregon relies on volunteer emergency medical technicians; and

4 Whereas vast areas of rural Oregon, some with freeways passing through and others with pop-5 ular recreation areas, are served by volunteer emergency medical technicians; and

6 Whereas emergency medical technicians require regular training to keep their skills updated; 7 and

8 Whereas training hundreds of volunteer emergency medical technicians in rural and frontier 9 counties is difficult because of the distance to locations offering necessary continuing education; and 10 Whereas the mobile training unit operated by the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma 11 Systems Program provides required continuing education for all emergency medical technician cer-12tification levels, provides in-service education for new skills and medications, provides annual re-13 certification and instructional development to the Oregon State Police EMS instructor group, makes 14 it more efficient and affordable to maintain rural emergency medical services and overcomes the inability to provide 9-1-1 services due to the lack of adequately trained and certified emergency 1516 medical services personnel; now, therefore,

17 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

18 <u>SECTION 1.</u> In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-19 ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, out of the 20 General Fund, the amount of \$300,000, which may be expended for purposes of operating a 21 mobile training unit for emergency medical technicians.

22 <u>SECTION 2.</u> This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 23 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect 24 on its passage.

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