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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies authority of certain designees of Oregon State Athletic Commission in conduct of boxing and mixed martial arts events.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, the Oregon State Police is the regulatory body for boxing, entertainment wrestling and mixed martial arts. Currently, ORS 463.037 states only boxing matches are required to have specific Oregon State Athletic Commission (OSAC) representatives in attendance with no reference to mixed martial arts events. As part of regulating both boxing and mixed martial arts, Oregon State Police is responsible for the staffing of OSAC representatives, officials and medical personnel at both boxing and mixed martial arts events. Boxing or mixed martial arts events are prohibited from commencing without the required staffing to insure the health and safety of all participants.

Currently, ORS 463.047 requires only a physician be allowed to conduct prefight medical examinations on contestants. The statute however also makes reference to other medical personnel that could have less education. As such and per approval by the Oregon State Athletic Commission Medical Advisory Committee, medical personnel have been conducting pre-fight physicals as well as working events and when appropriate having their work product reviewed by physicians, certifying contestants are medically qualified to participate in an event.

This measure would amend ORS 463.037 and ORS 463.047 to clarify who is responsible for providing oversight at boxing matches or mixed martial arts events in this state and clarify the role of physicians and medical personnel at events. This measure would also expand the event cancelation authority in regards to why an event can be canceled in this state by the Oregon State Athletic Commission.

ORS 463.037 outlines that a boxing match cannot take place if specific Oregon State Athletic Commission representatives are not in attendance. Current statute does not address the issue that mixed martial arts events are occurring in this state and are required to be regulated.

ORS 463.047 outlines that the Oregon State Athletic Commission shall assign medical personnel to each boxing or mixed martial arts event that occurs in this state. The statute also outlines the requirement for contestants to be medically qualified to participate. Current statute does not allow anyone other than a physician to conduct a prefight medical examination.

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