



National Association of EMS Physicians®  
Oregon Chapter

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The Honorable Laurie Monnes-Anderson, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health Care  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Monnes-Anderson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present this statement for the record to the Senate Committee on Health Care. We write this letter in support of SB960 on behalf of the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of EMS Physicians®. NAEMSP® is an organization of physicians and other professionals partnering to provide leadership and foster excellence in the subspecialty of EMS (Emergency Medical Services) medicine.

SB 960 is Oregon's agreement to enter into the "Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact" or "REPLICA." The Compact was developed as a project by the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) with the participation of multiple national EMS stakeholders. NAEMSP® was one of those stakeholders and fully endorses the nationwide implementation of REPLICA.

Implementation of the Compact will allow Oregon to be better prepared for disasters while ensuring that EMS practitioners who arrive from other states have met the national standard for competency. It will improve communication between states regarding the status of licensees; which would help better protect the public. Finally, it will also provide for improved opportunity for active duty military and their families. It would do all this without compromising Oregon's authority over any EMS personnel who practices as an EMT, Advanced EMT or Paramedic within the State.

Additionally, the Council of State Government has endorsed implementation and we have attached a copy of their resolution.

We are in full support. Please do not hesitate to contact us with further questions.

Sincerely,

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