

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/15/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 04/15

**Vote:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Clarifies authority of certain designees of Oregon State Athletic Commission to conduct boxing and mixed martial arts events.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Frequency of mixed martial arts events related to measure
- Technical corrections to add mixed martial arts

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No 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 that only boxing matches are required to have specific Oregon State Athletic Commission (OSAC) representatives in attendance; there is no reference to OSAC attendance at 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 and 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; however, the statute 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. Senate Bill 237 amends 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 to clarify the role of physicians and medical personnel at events. The measure also expands the event cancellation authority in regards to why an event can be canceled in this state by the Oregon State Athletic Commission.