

SB 52 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules for ambulance services and emergency medical services (EMS) providers to report patient encounter data to an electronic EMS data management system for each patient care event. Specifies types of patient outcome data required for reporting to Oregon Trauma Registry. Requires patient outcome data, entered by hospitals in the Oregon Trauma Registry be made available to ambulance service or emergency services providers that transport patients. Directs OHA to determine, by rulemaking, the method for which data is available and how it may be used. Removes the ability of hospitals to charge a fee for reporting information.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Meaningful, quality data submission to Oregon's EMS system
- Ability for small-to-medium sized entities to comply with reporting requirements
- Voluntary submission of data by EMS providers
- Standardized format for data submission and information technology (IT) compatibility
- Release of de-identified patient data in an annual report
- Phased in implementation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Removes reference to emergency medical services provider. Allows non-transporting prehospital providers to report patient data to the EMS system. Requires OHA to issue an annual report based on collected data. Permits OHA to waive reporting requirements if an ambulance service provider is unable to comply with requirements.

BACKGROUND:

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Trauma Systems Program, managed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), develops and regulates systems for quality medical care in Oregon. The Oregon Trauma Registry collects data, reported voluntarily from 44 trauma hospitals, about the causes of injury, emergency response, cost and outcome of all injured patients that receive trauma system care. Oregon trauma hospitals, however, are not able to electronically send patient information to the EMS providers. Oregon's EMS providers also voluntarily report patient encounter data to OHA. Currently, 70 percent of Oregon's 92 licensed EMS Providers voluntary report patient care records to the state's EMS system.

SB 52 requires all licensed EMS transport providers to report a standard set of patient encounter data directly to the Oregon Trauma Registry and allows hospitals to report prehospital information back to local EMS providers, electronically.

PRELIMINARY