



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 SB456 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 456 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 and our nation 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. Additionally, 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. Most importantly, implementation will NOT allow EMS practitioners to work for an Oregon-based EMS agency without obtaining an Oregon license.

As EMS Medical Directors, we are concerned about the scope of practice, medical oversight and potential liability involved when EMS practitioners from other states function in our state. Implementation of REPLICA clarifies these issues.

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

Sincerely,

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