

SB 456 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact to allow Oregon EMS providers to provide services in member states. The compact becomes effective when 10 states enact into law the compact and its provisions.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

'No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

State officials that represent emergency medical services (EMS) recognize EMS personnel often provide services to individuals in neighboring states, which can be viewed as practicing without being licensed by that state. In Oregon, individuals may require emergency services from neighboring EMS providers, particularly in rural counties.

The Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct (REPLCIA) legislation is a model compact for states to adopt universal and immediate recognition of state issued EMS personnel licenses by compact states under certain conditions. As of 2017, seven states have passed the EMS CompAct including neighboring Idaho.

Senate Bill 456 joins Oregon to the multi-state EMS compact.