

SB 52 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Beyer**Senate Committee On Health Care****Action Date:** 04/06/17**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 4-0-1-0**Yeas:** 4 - Beyer, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Steiner Hayward**Exc:** 1 - Knopp**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Oliver Droppers, LPRO Analyst**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules for ambulance service providers to report patient encounter data to OHA's electronic emergency medical services (EMS) data system. Requires ambulance service providers to report patient data to OHA's EMS data system. Grants OHA rulemaking authority to specify the type of patient outcome data to be reported based on a specified set of criteria. Directs OHA to publicly report de-identified data, on OHA's website, annually. Allows OHA to waive reporting requirements if an ambulance service provider is unable to comply with requirements. Removes the ability of hospitals to charge a fee for reporting information. Declares emergency, takes effect on passage. Sunsets reporting exemption on December 31, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes references to emergency medical services provider. Allows non-transporting pre-hospital providers to voluntarily report patient data to the EMS data system. Requires OHA to issue an annual report based on data collected. 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 care. Oregon trauma hospitals, however, are not able to electronically send patient information to EMS providers, who 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 A requires all licensed ambulance service providers to report a standardized set of patient encounter data directly to OHA. The bill also allows hospitals to report patient information back to local EMS providers, electronically.