

SB 52 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Greenlick

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/08/17

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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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 annually report de-identified data on its website. 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:

- Ambulance and emergency medical services to access pertinent data
- Ambulance agencies are reporting voluntarily
- Importance of obtaining consistent and accurate data
- Concerns relating to sharing data inappropriately
- Review of safety measures around data sharing
- Who will have access to the data and how

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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, that is reported voluntarily from 44 trauma hospitals, about the causes of injury, emergency response, cost and outcome of all injured patients who 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 voluntarily 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 electronically report patient information back to local EMS providers.