

SB 452 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes emergency medical services providers to administer emergency use medications carried by patients. Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop triage, treatment and transportation protocols for the care of patients who carry emergency use medications. Specifies protocol requirements. Provides immunity from liability for emergency medical services providers acting in faith in administering emergency use medications. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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:

"Emergency medical services provider" (EMS provider) is defined as "a person who has received formal training in prehospital and emergency care, and is licensed to attend any person who is ill or injured or who has a disability." This definition can include persons serving in a dual capacity such as police officers, firefighters, and funeral home operators. ORS 682.025(4). Currently, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) licenses EMS providers and the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) is developing rules that define the scope of practice for each level of EMS provider. Most other regulation of EMS providers is left to the counties, cities and districts. These local entities have responsibility for developing and updating protocols for the provision of emergency services within the local jurisdiction.

Senate Bill 452 directs OHA to develop triage, treatment and transportation protocols for the care of patients who carry emergency use medications to allow EMS providers to administer those medications.