

SB 544 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires ambulances to carry emergency treatment medication for adrenal insufficiency disorder. Authorizes the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules, including rules regarding training on the use of emergency treatment medication for adrenal insufficiency disorder and best practices for administering medication. Takes effect on 91st days 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:

Adrenal insufficiency is a disorder that occurs when the adrenal glands don't make enough of certain hormones, including cortisol. Most often caused by autoimmune disease, common symptoms include fatigue, muscle weakness, loss of appetite, weight loss, and abdominal pain. Treatment of adrenal insufficiency disorder can include medicines that replace the hormones the body is not making.

Senate Bill 544 requires ambulances to carry emergency treatment medication for adrenal insufficiency disorder and would allow OHA to adopt rules regarding the use of emergency treatment medication for adrenal insufficiency disorder.