

SB 452 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to study the responses of emergency medical services to rare medical conditions, particularly those conditions that require emergency use medications for treatment. Prescribes requirements of study. Requires OHA to submit findings and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure.

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.