

SB 452 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/01/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 3-0-2-0

Yeas: 3 - Knopp, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson

Exc: 2 - Beyer, Fagan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/13, 4/1

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Criticality of timely treatment of certain rare medical conditions
- Legislation in Missouri

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the 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 develops 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-A directs OHA to study the response of EMS providers to rare medical conditions and report the findings and recommendations of the study to the Legislative Assembly by February 1, 2020.