HB 3307 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/02/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage, be referred to

Revenue, and then to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak,

Salinas

Exc: 1 - Keny-GuyerFiscal: Fiscal impact issuedRevenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Assesses fee on emergency medical services providers and uses fee to increase reimbursement paid by Oregon Health Authority for emergency medical services transports. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Referral to another committee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division was first organized in 1983 to license all ambulances operating in the state. The original annual licensing fee was \$45 per ambulance. Licensing and operation standards for basic and advanced life support ambulances were developed by the Public Health Division in cooperation with the State Emergency Medical Service Committee and the Ambulance and Emergency Medical Technician Advisory Council. Annual licensing fees were increased about ten years later through Senate Bill 95 in 1994, with the assistance of a task force, to \$250 for services with five or more full-time paid employees and \$75 for services with four or fewer full-time paid employees.

House Bill 3307 assesses a fee on emergency medical services providers in order to increase the amount of reimbursement paid by the Oregon Health Authority for the cost of transport by ambulance.