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RE: Support HB 4041 with -1 Amendment

The Oregon State Ambulance Association (OSAA) is the only statewide ambulance association representing private and public organizations that provide 9-1-1 emergency ambulance service and transportation throughout Oregon.

Our members write today in support of HB 4041 with the -1 Amendment that Chair Evans described at the HB 3439 (2019) workgroup meeting on January 21, 2020.

OSAA recognizes that there are efficiencies in Oregon’s emergency response system that can, and should, be improved through some of the measures outlined in the bill and the -1 amendment. Of note, OSAA appreciates the stronger voice that will be given to local, regional and tribal emergency service providers.

OSAA believes that the concepts included in the -1 amendment will streamline and improve Oregon’s emergency response— steps which should be taken sooner, rather than later when an emergency has already struck.

The members of OSAA greatly appreciates the thoughtful approach that the -1 amendment takes when considering of the role of EMS. The State Ambulance Association looks forward to the opportunity to work with the Oregon Health Authority to draft recommendations to the Legislature for an Emergency Medical Services Mobilization Plan.

Respectfully, the OSAA urges the House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee to adopt the -1 amendment and pass the bill to the Floor.

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