



March 22, 2021

**TO: Rep. Rachel Prusak, Chair House Committee on Health Care
Members of the Committee**

**FR: Sabrina Riggs
On behalf of Oregon State Ambulance Association**

RE: Support for HB 2076 with Forthcoming Amendment

The Oregon State Ambulance Association (OSAA) is the only statewide ambulance association representing all of Oregon’s diverse emergency medical services (EMS) providers. Our membership includes public fire department-based providers, private providers, volunteer-based providers, and non-profit providers. Our members provide ground and air emergency transports across the State, and many participate in innovative programs like community paramedicine/mobile integrated health programs.

We offer supportive comments about the Oregon Health Authority’s (OHA) mission to modernize EMS through HB 2076, and we appreciate OHA’s continued efforts to work with OSAA and our members to address our concerns with the bill as introduced. We understand that there is an amendment in the works that will accomplish the below:

- Clarify that representatives of EMS providers on The Emergency Health Care System Advisory Board may be administrators from agencies, not necessarily licensed providers
- Adds clarity that nothing in the regional emergency healthcare systems plans may be construed to supersede a county's ability to develop a plan and select their ambulance service providers in ORS 862.0621
- Adds clarity that regional boards will include membership from EMS agencies in the area
- Clarification on the role of centralized medical direction

While the amendment is not back yet from Legislative Counsel, OSAA is thankful to OHA for their partnership, and for working with OSAA to address our concerns—and, we look forward to supporting the bill, as amended to address the above concerns brought forward by OSAA members.

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- Clackamas Fire District # 1
- Douglas County Fire District #2
- Falck Northwest
- Jefferson County EMS District
- Klamath County Fire District
- La Grande Fire & EMS
- Lebanon Fire District
- Life Flight Network
- Medix Ambulance Service
- Med Transport Inc.
- Mercy Flights Air & Ground Ambulance
- Metro West Ambulance
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