

SB 857 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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Meeting Dates: 2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Enacts Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (Compact). Defines terms. Establishes, with Compact states, a joint public agency known as Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice (Commission). Specifies Compact effective on date when compact statute is enacted into law by tenth state. Allows Oregon Health Authority (Authority) to disclose specified information to Commission. Exempts specified persons working under compact from emergency medical service provider license requirement. Permits Authority to use funds from Emergency Medical Services Fund to meet financial obligations of Compact. Operative on January 1, 2024. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, 22 states are members of the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (Compact), including Idaho. There are over 236,000 providers in the Compact's database. The Compact provides a practice privilege, allowing licensed emergency medical personnel to practice in Compact member states. Once a state joins the Compact, a person is appointed to serve as Commissioner on the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice (Commission). The Commission oversees the operation of the Compact and is composed of one representative from each Compact member state.

Senate Bill 857 enacts the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.