

Submitter: Jeremy Abbott

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: SB60

I am a Paramedic in Multnomah County with American Medical Response. I have worked in EMS and the Emergency Dept in Portland since 2013. I received my Associates degree from PCC as a Paramedic in 2014. I strongly oppose this bill as an experienced medic and knowing the minimum skill set associated with successfully providing emergency care to our community and your loved ones. Being a Paramedic is a very complex position which requires important skills that an associates degree at minimum can help prepare one to best serve and succeed. By eliminating this requirement you are setting up the future quality of responders to your families emergency to fail. I urge you, please respect this invaluable position enough to maintain the current associates degree requirement.