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Bill Title: Relating to emergency medical services; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Transportation, Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure for the Oregon Health Authority are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure establishes the 19-member Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board to advise and make recommendations on emergency medical services, time-sensitive medical emergencies, and behavioral health medical emergencies. The measure establishes the following committees to support the work of the board:

- Time-Sensitive Medical Emergencies Advisory Committee
- Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
- Pediatric Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
- Behavioral Health Emergency Medical Service Committee

With guidance from the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, OHA is directed to designate emergency medical services regions and establish a regional emergency medical services advisory board for each region. Additionally, the measure establishes the Emergency Medical Services Program within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and creates the Long-Term Care and Senior Care Committee within the program to advise and give recommendations to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure has an indeterminate impact on the OHA. The type and scale of work required by OHA is at the direction of the boards and committees established in the measure. Once the boards begin meeting, beginning in January 2025, the scope of support work and potential contracts required of OHA will be better defined. Additional funding may be required for the reimbursement of eligible expenses for board and committee members, given the number of committees and members this could have a fiscal impact on OHA. Depending on the scope of work required by OHA, the authority may need to return to a subsequent legislative session or a meeting of the Emergency Board to request funds to request funding.

The measure has no fiscal impact on the Department of Transportation.

Relevant Dates

OHA must report in even years by December 31, to the legislature on the status of implementation and detailed information regarding challenges; this requirement is repealed on December 31, 2030.

The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board and its advisory committees may meet on or after January 1, 2025.

The emergency medical services regions advisory board may hold their first meeting on or after January 1, 2026, and develop plans no later than January 1, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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The Emergency Medical Services Program is operative January 1, 2027
The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.