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TO: Chair Nosse, members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health & Health Care

FROM: Association of Oregon Counties Legislative Affairs Manager, Jessica Pratt

RE: Support HB 4081

Dear Chair Nosse and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties, representing Oregon's county governments, I am writing to urge your support for HB 4081, phase one of a statewide emergency medical services (EMS) modernization initiative.

Counties are responsible for calculating the local need for ambulance services, creating a service coordination plan and establishing one or more ambulance service areas consistent with the plan for the efficient and effective provision of ambulance services in their jurisdiction.

HB 4081 will support our local EMS providers by establishing a statewide program for integrated data systems, alignment with regional health care structures, and financial incentives to meet industry standards. This modernization work will be especially valuable to small providers in more remote areas of the state and to the people they serve.

AOC urges your support for HB 4081 and we thank you for your support for high quality emergency services for every county in Oregon.

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