

HB 4081 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 2/26, 2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes a framework to modernize Oregon's emergency medical services (EMS) system, with the following provisions taking effect January 1, 2025:

- Establishes an EMS program to administer a statewide system and improve EMS standards.
- Creates a State EMS Director position to oversee the new EMS program and serve as chairperson of the EMS Advisory Board.
- Establishes a 19-member EMS Advisory Board to develop the EMS program and provide ongoing advice and recommendations. The board is supported by four advisory committees:
 - Time-Sensitive Medical Emergencies Advisory Committee
 - Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
 - Pediatric Emergency Medical Services Committee
 - Behavioral Health Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

Beginning on January 1, 2026, the regional EMS advisory boards may begin meeting to develop regional EMS plans which are due by January 1, 2027.

Starting January 1, 2027, an additional committee, the Long-Term Care and Senior Care EMS Advisory Committee may begin meeting and advising the EMS Advisory board.

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, emergency medical services are regulated by the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program and the Oregon Trauma and Tertiary Care Program within the Oregon Health Authority. These programs regulate licensure for emergency medical services, continuing education, establish professional standards, as well as create, implement and regulate the state's trauma system.