

HB 4107 -2, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires urgent care centers to make certain information publicly available, adhere to specific service standards, and to provide patient records to an emergency department; prohibits the use of terms urgent or urgent care unless a business meets certain standards, and prohibits an urgent care center from presenting itself as a hospital emergency department.

Detailed Summary:

- Requires urgent care centers to publish certain information about affiliation, operations, and services both online and near the main public entrance.
- Requires an urgent care center to meet certain standards of service, including having a licensed health care provider available and providing a patient's records to the emergency department it refers the patient to.
- Prohibits a business from using the term "urgent" or "urgent care" unless it meets certain standards, with exemptions for specialty urgent care centers. Prohibits an urgent care center from presenting itself as a hospital emergency department.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but statement not yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but statement not yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 The amendment modifies the definitions of urgent care center and specialty urgent care center.

-3 Makes changes to the -2 Amendments.

BACKGROUND:

Individuals may access health care services in different ways depending on the severity of their illness or injury. Where an emergency room provides services for sudden and potentially life-threatening situations, urgent care facilities offer services for acute illness or injury that does not rise to the level of needing emergency services but cannot wait for an appointment with a primary care provider. Given that wait times for emergency room services may be long, urgent care centers can offer a more expedient alternative when used appropriately. Urgent care centers typically have set hours, an established list of conditions treated, can order basic labs and imaging tests, and offer same day services.

House Bill 3221 (2025) would have established a similar standard of service and posting requirements for urgent care centers. In addition, that bill proposed an optional process for urgent care centers to register with OHA and would have directed OHA to provide online information about registered urgent care centers.

House Bill 4107 requires urgent care centers to make certain information publicly available, to meet specific service standards, and prohibits urgent care centers from using some terms unless criteria are met.