

HB 4107 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate 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 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 urgent care centers to meet certain standards of service, including having available a licensed health care provider capable of providing specified services and providing a patient’s records to the emergency department to which it refers the patient. Prohibits a business from using the terms “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: Minimal fiscal impact.

Revenue impact: No revenue impact.

House vote: Ayes, 41; Nays, 0.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Individuals may access health care services in different ways depending on the severity of their illness or injury. Emergency rooms provide services for sudden, potentially life-threatening situations, and urgent care facilities offer services for acute illnesses or injuries that do not require 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, have 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 standards of service and posting requirements for urgent care centers. In addition, that bill proposed an optional process for urgent care centers to register with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and would have directed OHA to provide online information about registered urgent care centers.

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