<u>8B-452 — EMS Bill</u>

will protect each of these lives pictured plus over 337,000 affected Oregon residents!

What this legislation WILL DO:



Adrenal Insufficiency



Autism & Syngap



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Protect our children (and also adults) with rare medical conditions, along with, our EMS Medical Advisors and Paramedics to clarify their authority to provide specialized treatment in emergency situations for those with Special Medical Needs usually caused by rare disease or chronic illness. For Affected Families:

- Allow an individual's home-based, life-saving medications to be administered promptly in an emergency
 - --these meds are available at only a few Level 1 Trauma Centers in each state, if at all, and reactions can happen with switching types or brands
- Lead to creation of "Treatment Plans" for affected individuals
- Provide real protection for our rare disease/chronic illness community
- Provide for prompt & proper treatment based on the specialist' orders to save lives and reduce or prevent further damage as part of the Treatment Plan
- Reduce the need for air transport which reduces costs and stress to the family
- Provide peace of mind for those living in daily fear of an emergency. For Paramedics & EMS:
- Clarify their authority to administer the person's life-saving, specialty medications.
- Prompt families to obtain & carry Emergency Medical Orders from their specialist which gives proper treating instructions
- Relieve the "local medical advisors" from the liability of decision making in areas with no training through pre-planning
- Provide paramedics the freedom to perform treatments without fear of recourse
- Initiate Educational Programs for all EMS personnel and create relationships with residents
- Reduced likelihood of lawsuit due to clarification, providing protection and the resulting education

What this legislation WILL NOT DO:

- Mandate an action by a Paramedic if the situation is in question *
- Usurp the authority of a parent/guardian in the treatment of their child
- Usurp authority of local medical directors
- Require any new medications to be carried on ambulances
- Increase liability of lawsuit

Please support this important legislation

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Adrenal Insufficiency United Bridge the Gap – Syngap1 COTT (Committee of Ten Thousand) Elijah's Law International Pain Foundation NORD (Nat'l Organization for Rare Disorders) RDLA (Rare Disease Legislative Advocates) ASAP Specialty Pharmacy

Danny's Dose Alliance Coalition for Hemophilia B Daphne's Lamp Hope for Hemophilia Narcolepsy Network PSI (Patient Services Inc) Sarcoidosis of Long Island In Touch Specialty Pharmacy

Hemophilia





Complex Diabetes



Platelet Dysfunction



Von Willebrand & Factor VII



Sarcoidosis & EDS

**Many other rare disease organizations

Narcolepsy

