

To the Senate Committee On Health Care,

I'm writing to ask your support for SB 452.

This bill Directs the Oregon Health Authority to develop triage, treatment and transportation protocols for patients who carry emergency use medications. Allows emergency medical services provider to administer to patient emergency use medication carried by patient.

I have an emergency medication I carry at all times. In times of emergency this medication is needed to prevent death and/or disability.

I suffer from Adrenal Insufficiency caused by a tumor on my pituitary gland. In times of injury, illness or stress, I require an emergency injection of Solu-Cortef. Absent this injection, which I carry with me at all times, I could suffer an Addisonian Crisis which could be fatal. It terrifies me that EMS personnel, at this time, can't administer my lifesaving prescription. If I were in a car accident, injured or found unconscious, though I wear a MedAlert bracelet, I would have to wait for EMS to arrive, assess my situation then transport me, losing valuable time before I would receive my desperately needed injection.

Please help me and all Oregonians by voting yes on SB 452.

Sincerely,

Melita Riggs