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Not a Statement by Lawmakers: Requires Oregon Health Authority, upon receipt of federal approval, to assess fee on emergency medical services providers and use fee to reimburse costs of emergency medical services transports.

With federal government approval; Oregon lawmakers are proposing HB 2910 -1, which virtually makes no sense. Charging ambulance emergency services quality assurance fees (a tax) for doing business in Oregon according to their gross receipts. Do the company's gross receipts actually balance with accounts receivable funds collected?

Ambulance for emergency services is extremely expensive and will be just another huge anchor on the Human Services branch of Oregon government programs.

A.) Medicare and Medicaid payments are made from the social security administration funds and appropriated by Congress

B.) In turn, Congress taxes its citizens and corporations to appropriate to the social security administration

C.) The state, Oregon taxes its citizens and corporation with laws that use tax dollars to appropriate to the agency which manages the program, in this case the Emergency Medical Services Fund (the Oregon Health Authority) established in section 2 of this 2021 Act:

"SECTION 2. (1) The Emergency Medical Services Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Emergency Medical Services Fund consists of moneys collected by the Oregon Health Authority under section 1 (3) of this 2021 Act. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the authority for the purposes of:

"(a) Providing grants to innovative ambulance programs;

"(b) Funding the state medical assistance program, including but not limited to increasing reimbursement rates for emergency medical services transports; and

"(c) Administering section 1 of this 2021 Act.

"(2) Interest earned by the fund shall be credited to the fund.