



**TO: Rep. Evans, Chair
Rep. Rick Lewis, Vice Chair
Rep. Mark Meek, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency
Management**

**FR: Dan Brattain
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Re: Support of HB 2927

The Oregon State Ambulance Association (OSAA) is the only statewide ambulance association representing all of Oregon's diverse emergency medical services (EMS) providers. Our membership includes public fire department-based providers, private providers, volunteer-based providers, and non-profit providers. Our members provide ground and air emergency transports across the State, and many participate in innovative programs like community paramedicine/mobile integrated health programs.

We offer our support for HB 2927, Representative Evans' vision on the restructure of Oregon's Office of Emergency Management. We have been discussing this concept with Representative Evans for years and always appreciate his willingness to work with EMS providers.

OSAA recognizes that there are efficiencies in Oregon's emergency response system that can, and should, be improved through the measures outlined in the bill. Of note, OSAA appreciates the stronger voice that will be given to local, and regional emergency service providers reflected in HB 2927.

OSAA believes that the concepts included in the bill will streamline and improve Oregon's emergency response— steps which should be taken sooner, rather than later when (another) emergency has already struck.

The members of OSAA greatly appreciate the thoughtful approach HB 2927 takes when considering of the role of EMS in the State.

Respectfully, the OSAA urges the committee to move HB 2927 to the Floor.

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