

Submitter: Samuel Watkins
On Behalf Of: All paramedics
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB60

I am a current Paramedic in Multnomah County. I value this county because of its high standards and specifically moved here from CA where an associates degree is not required. I have been so thankful for the quality of care provided to all of those who live in the areas served by EMS. These programs that pump out medics to fill seats seriously lack necessary training to fully understand how to do the job. Paramedics are all understaffed and that's largely because of how underpaid and overworked we are. I personally would not do this job if I made significantly less. I am proud of how I worked to get here and take pride in my job. I ask you to oppose this bill as a paramedic currently in the system. Making it easier to become a paramedic is not the problem. I see this as something that will make it more difficult for me to continue doing this already stressful job.