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I have been a paramedic for 23 years. I oppose this bill because it will set back the EMS profession in Oregon. EMS professionals should have a pension like other first responders have, making it a long term career. Lowering the standard of having an associate degree is not the answer. Some solutions to this problem might be to increase the number of EMT basics working and change the way we respond to 911 calls. This starts with dispatch and triaging calls appropriately. There is a shortage of workers nationwide, not just in Oregon.