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## Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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**To:** Human Services Subcommittee

**From:** MaryMichelle Sosne, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** February 26, 2024

**Subject:** HB 4081 – Relating to emergency medical services  
Work Session Recommendations

HB 4081 establishes the framework to modernize Oregon’s emergency medical services (EMS) system, with the following provisions taking effect on January 1, 2025:

- Establishes an EMS program to administer a statewide system and improve EMS standards.
- Creates a State EMS Director position to oversee the new EMS program and serve as chairperson of the EMS Advisory Board.
- Establishes a 19-member EMS Advisory Board to develop the EMS program and provide ongoing advice and recommendations. The board is supported by four advisory committees:
  - Time-Sensitive Medical Emergencies Advisory Committee
  - Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
  - Pediatric Emergency Medical Services Committee
  - Behavioral Health Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

Beginning on January 1, 2026, the regional EMS advisory boards may begin meeting to develop regional EMS plans which are due by January 1, 2027. Starting January 1, 2027, an additional committee, the Long-Term Care and Senior Care EMS Advisory Committee may begin meeting and advising the EMS Advisory board.

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate and depends on the nature and extent of work assigned to OHA by the board and committees. Potential costs include staffing support, contract work, reimbursement of eligible expenses for board and committee members, meeting space, and facilitation. Depending on the scope of work, OHA may need to request additional funding in a subsequent legislative session.

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 4081 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 4081 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.  
(VOTE)

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_