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Bill Title: Relating to emergency medical services for residents in long term care settings; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to have a fiscal impact - see analysis.

Measure Description

The measure expands the Senior Emergency Medical Services Council’s authority to advise the Department of Human Services (DHS) on the criteria DHS should use when reviewing pilot project proposals, minimum reporting standards, and any other factors the council deems relevant. DHS must provide funding within 90 days of approving a pilot project request. Additionally, DHS is directed to allocate up to one-third of the total funds available in the Quality Care Fund for approved pilot projects.

Fiscal Analysis

As of February 2025, the Quality Care Fund had a balance of \$19 million. The Governor’s 2025-27 recommended budget includes reallocating \$18 million from the Quality Care Fund to support provider workforce training and safety, oversight, and quality operations. Currently, money in the is continuously appropriated to DHS and the Oregon Health Authority to administer the Senior Emergency Medical Services Innovation program, as well as to provide training, technical assistance, quality improvement initiatives and licensing activities for long-term care facilities, residential facilities, and foster homes.

At this time, DHS has at least \$1 million reserved to fund activities in the 2025-27 biennium. Modifications to the allocation of money within the Quality Care Fund could affect both existing and planned projects, which may require DHS to seek additional resources form the legislature.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.