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**To:** Human Services Subcommittee  
**From:** MaryMichelle Sosne, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** May 28, 2025  
**Subject:** SB 837 – Relating to a volunteer registry.  
Work Session Recommendations

This measure modifies the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR), by expanding eligibility beyond volunteer health care professionals to include support and administrative personnel who will assist with medical or non-medical operations, management, or administration. It also broadens the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) oversight of the registry, allowing OHA to establish additional requirements for volunteers, such as public health training and physical or emotional health screenings. The measure authorizes OHA to enter into agreements with other states, enabling registrants to provide assistance outside of Oregon. Furthermore, all registrants are granted legal protections, including recognition as officers of the state under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact and as agents of the state when performing duties during a declared emergency or public health crisis. These updates can be managed with existing OHA staff, and the overall fiscal impact is expected to be minimal.

### Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 837 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION:** I move SB 837 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

### Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: