

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 837

Relating to a volunteer registry

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Valderrama

SB 837 modifies the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon, 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.

The measure also broadens the Oregon Health Authority's 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. These updates can be managed with existing OHA staff, and the overall fiscal impact is expected to be minimal.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 837 be reported out do pass.