

SB 837 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/01/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 3-2-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Campos, Patterson, Reynolds

Nays: 2 - Hayden, Linthicum

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/18, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows non-licensed volunteers, including administrative personnel, to join the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR).

Detailed Summary:

- Allows non-licensed workers and support and administrative personnel to register through SERV-OR and respond in emergency or crisis.
- Permits OHA to require SERV-OR volunteers to undergo screenings for physical health, emotional health, or immunization status.
- Defines SERV-OR volunteers as agents of the state for purposes of liability.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Required screenings for physical health, emotional health, or immunization status.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Maintains requirement for Governor to declare emergency to activate SERV-OR.

BACKGROUND:

The State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR), established in [ORS 401.654](#), is Oregon's roster of licensed health care professionals who have registered to volunteer in response to a declared local, state, and/or federal emergency as defined in [ORS 401.165](#) and [ORS 431A.015](#). Joining the registry allows licensed health care workers to join certain state and local volunteer groups to respond in a declared emergency or crisis.

Senate Bill 837 A allows non-licensed health care workers and other health personnel to register with SERV-OR.