

SB 837 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser Blouin

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/06/25

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 7 - Anderson, Broadman, Campos, Frederick, Lieber, President Wagner, Sollman

Nays: 4 - Bonham, Girod, McLane, Smith DB

Exc: 1 - Manning Jr

House Vote

Yeas: 7 - Bowman, Evans, Gomberg, Levy E, Ruiz, Sanchez, Valderrama

Nays: 5 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Drazan, Owens, Smith G

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/28, 6/6

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:

- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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.