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Requested by Representative NATHANSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 3221**

On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 23 and delete pages 2 through 4 and insert:

**“SECTION 1. Definitions. As used in sections 1 to 6 of this 2025 Act:**

**“(1) ‘Specialty urgent care center’ means a facility or portion of a facility that provides exclusively specialty medical care to individuals on a walk-in and episodic basis for illnesses or injuries that are acute but not life-threatening or do not require emergency medical services.**

**“(2) ‘Urgent care center’ means a facility or portion of a facility that provides medical care to individuals on a walk-in and episodic basis for illnesses or injuries that are acute but not life-threatening or do not require emergency medical services, but does not include a specialty urgent care center.**

**“SECTION 2. Prohibition on using ‘urgent’ or ‘urgent care’ without registration; exception. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person or government entity that is not registered under section 3 of this 2025 Act with the Oregon Health Authority may not, within this state:**

**“(a) Establish, conduct, maintain, manage or operate itself under a business or trade name, assumed business name, fictitious business name or other designation that contains the terms ‘urgent’ or ‘urgent care’; or**

1       “(b) Hold itself out using the terms ‘urgent’ or ‘urgent care’ in any  
2 external sign or advertisement.

3       “(2) The prohibitions described under subsection (1) of this section  
4 do not apply to a specialty urgent care center that uses the term ‘ur-  
5 gent’ or ‘urgent care’ in conjunction with the term for the specialty  
6 medical care that the specialty urgent care center provides.

7       “SECTION 3. Registration; information required. (1) The Oregon  
8 Health Authority shall adopt by rule a process and criteria for regis-  
9 tering an urgent care center in this state. Rules adopted under this  
10 subsection may not impose requirements in addition to the require-  
11 ments described in this section and sections 4 and 5 of this 2025 Act.

12       “(2) An urgent care center may, but is not required to, register with  
13 the authority under this section.

14       “(3) An urgent care center registered in this state shall meet the  
15 requirements set forth in this section and sections 4 and 5 of this 2025  
16 Act and rules adopted by the authority to carry out this section and  
17 sections 4 and 5 of this 2025 Act.

18       “(4) The authority shall prescribe by rule the fee for registering an  
19 urgent care center, which may not exceed the authority’s costs related  
20 to administering registration requirements.

21       “(5) An application to register an urgent care center shall be in the  
22 form and manner and contain such information as the authority re-  
23 quires. The authority shall require, at a minimum, that an applicant  
24 provide the following information, or affirmatively state or indicate  
25 that the information required is not applicable with respect to the  
26 urgent care center being registered:

27       “(a) Legal name of the urgent care center and any name under  
28 which the urgent care center does business;

29       “(b) Street address of the urgent care center;

30       “(c) Name and contact information of any person that owns a 10

1 percent or greater interest, directly or indirectly, in the urgent care  
2 center;

3 “(d) Any health care facility or health system that is affiliated with  
4 the urgent care center;

5 “(e) Hours and days of operation for the urgent care center;

6 “(f) Types of payment and types of payer accepted by the urgent  
7 care center;

8 “(g) Services offered by the urgent care center and whether X-ray  
9 or laboratory services are available at the urgent care center;

10 “(h) Limitations on the availability of services;

11 “(i) Types of licensed providers that are available at the urgent care  
12 center;

13 “(j) Whether the urgent care center serves patients only by walk-in  
14 or by either appointment or walk-in;

15 “(k) Diagnostic capabilities available at the urgent care center, at  
16 a facility adjacent or in close proximity to the urgent care center or  
17 by referral at another facility with the location of the facility or dis-  
18 tance of the facility from the urgent care center; and

19 “(L) Telemedicine services offered by the urgent care center.

20 “(6) The authority may not register an urgent care center if an  
21 application does not:

22 “(a) Contain the information listed in subsection (5) of this section  
23 or information required by the authority by rule; or

24 “(b) State or indicate that the information required is not applicable  
25 to the urgent care center.

26 “(7) An urgent care center registered in this state shall provide the  
27 authority with an update to the information listed in subsection (5)  
28 of this section or information required by the authority by rule within  
29 15 days of any change in the information that is likely to persist for  
30 more than two continuous weeks.

1       “(8) As used in this section:

2       “(a) ‘Health care facility’ has the meaning given that term in ORS  
3       442.015.

4       “(b) ‘Health system’ means:

5       “(A) A parent corporation of one or more health care facilities,  
6       urgent care centers or other entities that provide health services and  
7       any entity affiliated with the parent corporation through ownership,  
8       governance, control or membership; or

9       “(B) A health care facility, urgent care center or other entity that  
10      provides health services and any entity affiliated with the hospital,  
11      urgent care center or other entity that provides health services  
12      through ownership, governance, control or membership.

13      “SECTION 4. Capabilities required; patient visits. (1)(a) An urgent  
14      care center registered in this state shall, at a minimum, have a li-  
15      censed clinician on-site during the hours that the urgent care center  
16      is open and be capable of providing the following services on-site:

17      “(A) Tests for common respiratory diseases;

18      “(B) 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG);

19      “(C) Splints for strains, sprains and fractures; and

20      “(D) Sutures for simple lacerations.

21      “(b) As used in paragraph (a) of this subsection, ‘licensed  
22      clinician’ means:

23      “(A) A physician licensed under ORS chapter 677.

24      “(B) A physician associate licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525.

25      “(C) A nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390.

26      “(2) If the urgent care center refers a patient to an emergency de-  
27      partment, the urgent care center shall provide the emergency depart-  
28      ment with the patient records, including the clinical reason for the  
29      referral, by using a health information exchange or, if the urgent care  
30      center does not participate in a health information exchange, by:

1       “(a) Providing the patient a physical copy of the clinical summary  
2 or relevant patient records; or

3       “(b) Other immediate means, such as a telephone call or facsimile  
4 or electronic transmission.

5       “SECTION 5. Posted information required; uses of the term ‘emer-  
6 gency’ prohibited. (1) An urgent care center registered in this state  
7 shall post the information listed under section 3 (5) of this 2025 Act  
8 and information required by the Oregon Health Authority by rule un-  
9 der section 3 of this 2025 Act. The information must be posted near the  
10 main public entrance to the urgent care center and in a manner that  
11 is conspicuous, accessible and readable.

12       “(2) An urgent care center registered in this state may not:

13       “(a) Hold the urgent care center out to the public as providing  
14 emergency department services; or

15       “(b) Use the word ‘emergency’ or ‘ER’ or any derivative of the word  
16 ‘emergency’ or ‘ER’ in a context that would lead a reasonable person  
17 to believe an urgent care center is a hospital emergency department.

18       “SECTION 6. Online public resource. The Oregon Health Authority  
19 shall establish and maintain a website where information on urgent  
20 care centers registered in this state is available to the public. The  
21 purpose of the website is to serve as a resource for assisting individ-  
22 uals with referrals for health services and medical care.

23       “SECTION 7. Captions. The section captions used in this 2025 Act  
24 are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become  
25 part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent  
26 in the enactment of this 2025 Act.

27       “SECTION 8. Operative date. (1) Sections 1 to 6 of this 2025 Act  
28 become operative on January 1, 2026.

29       “(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the  
30 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is neces-

1 sary to enable the authority to exercise, on and after the operative  
2 date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, func-  
3 tions and powers conferred on the authority by sections 1 to 6 of this  
4 2025 Act.

5 **“SECTION 9. Effective date.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st  
6 day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third  
7 Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.