

House Public Health

March 6, 2023



Roll Call

Stephanie Klick - Chair - Present
Elizabeth "Liz" Campos - Vice-chair - Present
Nicole Collier - Present
Jacey Jetton - Present
Ann Johnson - Present
Jolanda "Jo" Jones - Present
Venton Jones - Present
Tom Oliverson - Present
Four Price - Present
Reggie Smith - Present
Tony Tinderholt - Present

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Recap

HB 173
HB 576
HB 233
HB 112

HB 624 - Emergency medical transport by firefighters

Rep. Cody Harris (2:10:40)

Current code says injured patients can only be transported to hospitals via ambulance. I usually am not one to emulate what other states do, but the Oklahoma state legislature was forced to move more quickly on this issue as they passed similar legislation. This bill would allow firefighters to transport a patient to a health care facility for life saving treatment, if an EMS provider was notified of the patient's condition and were unable to provide services. It is common for firefighters to get there first, particularly in

rural areas. Bill would also require EMS and trauma care systems to develop transport protocols and provide notice of the protocols to EMS and firefighters in their area.

Price: There seems to be a lot of support for this bill, but wouldn't want to see a firefighter held liable for not doing transporting, if there's a reason why they don't.

Harris: This has not been a concern with this, with the stakeholders.

Price: That's good. Want to raise some concern.

Tinderholt: What about police cars? Does this include them?

Harris: It doesn't.

Tinderholt: I would consider adding them.

J. Jones: Firefighter unit in Houston- I rode with them on 24 hour shifts. Based on observations, firefighters are oftentimes the first responders.

Campos: I have heard of firefighters getting reprimanded.

Collier: What type of vehicle- fire truck, or someone's car?

Howard: Not sure.

Devin Jackson, City of Palestine Fire Department

In favor of the bill. This is a statewide issue. The issue is one of capacity and volume with emergency services.

Harris

This is an important issue and I appreciate your consideration of the bill.

Bill left pending without objection.

HB 49