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### **Healthcare workers could draw blood to protect their safety, under bill**

*SB 1027: Allows healthcare practitioners to find out if they are at risk of disease*

SALEM – Healthcare workers would be able to draw blood samples from patients in cases where the workers suffer needlestick injuries, under a bill that passed through the Oregon Senate today.

[Senate Bill 1027](#) – which passed the Senate on a 29-0 vote – allows healthcare practitioners who receive needlestick injuries while providing emergency treatment to an unconscious patient to draw blood from the patient. The practitioner then can use that blood sample to determine whether the patient is positive for HIV.

“This is a protectionary measure to help healthcare workers have certainty about the true extent of their injuries in these cases,” said Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, who carried the bill on the Senate floor. “This is about the healthcare worker’s right to know and to take steps necessary to take care of themselves.”

The bill specifies when blood draws can be performed and also requires anonymity and confidentiality of performed tests and results, to protect the patient’s privacy.

Senate Bill 1027 now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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