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Measure Description:

Modifies list of state agencies required to designate liaison for emergency preparedness and response; establishes task force for the purpose of developing a statewide plan for responding to seismic events.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Department of Agriculture, Department of Aviation, Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Department of Corrections, Department of Energy, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Forestry, Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Justice, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Judicial Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Military Department, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Oregon State Marine Board, Oregon State Police (OSP), Public Utility Commission (PUC), Water Resources Department, Cities, Counties, Governor's Office

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Please see analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure modifies the list of state agencies that are required to designate an individual to act as liaison with the Office of Emergency Management and requires that individual to have the authority to allocate resources and assets of the agency they represent in the event of an emergency. The bill also establishes the Task Force on Resilience Plan Implementation (TFRPI) in order to facilitate a comprehensive plan to implement the Oregon Resilience Plan for responding to the consequences of naturally occurring seismic events associated with geologic shifts along the Cascadia subduction zone. The TFRPI would be required to submit a report to the legislature by October 1, 2014 and staff support for the TFRPI is to be provided by the Oregon Military Department. Claims for actual and necessary expenses would be reimbursable to the members of the task force from funds appropriated to the Oregon Military Department (OMD) for the purposes of the task force.

The fiscal impact to agencies and entities designating a liaison with the Office of Emergency Management and participating as members of the TFRPI is minimal. The OMD indicates however, that the number of meetings that the task force may require to accomplish the requirements set forth in the bill and the magnitude of staff workload is unknown and therefore the fiscal impact of the measure to the OMD is unknown.

While the bill requires that expenses for the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by task force members be paid out of funds appropriated to OMD for the purposes of the task force, no appropriation for this purpose currently exists nor is it provided in the bill.