

HB 2734 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/28, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Military Department to create, fill and utilize several positions with in the Office of Emergency Management. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to support the increased staffing level. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

NOTE - measure has a subsequent referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces original measure. Specifies that Director of Office of Emergency Management is appointed by the Governor, in consultation with the Adjutant General, confirmed by the Senate, and serves a the pleasure of the Governor.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM), housed within the Oregon Military Department (OMD), is the state's lead entity for coordination of statewide efforts to ensure that Oregonians can get help in an emergency, and to protect, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural or man-made emergencies and disasters. OEM is organized around a set of 18 emergency support functions (ESFs): transportation; communications; public works; firefighting; information and planning; mass care; resource support; health and medical; search and rescue; hazardous materials; food and water; energy; military support; public information; volunteers and donations; law enforcement; agriculture and animal protection; and business and industry.

House Bill 2734 allocates moneys to OMD to staff at least seven "regional emergency managemnt support teams," each consisting of a regional coordinator, a multidisciplinary training specialist, and at least three administrative support specialists.