

HB 2565 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 04/02/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Evans, Findley, Lewis, Meek, Neron, Wallan, Wilde, Zika

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Military Department to issue grants to counties for the purpose of hiring emergency management agency personnel. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for additional personnel at county level

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Military Department's (OMD) primary mission is to administer, house, equip, and train the Oregon National Guard, whose purpose, in turn, is to support the Governor during civil unrest or natural disaster and to provide a reserve force for the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army.

The Oregon Military Department also houses the Office of Emergency Management, the state's lead entity for coordinating statewide efforts to ensure that Oregonians can get help in an emergency. House Bill 2565 appropriates \$3.6 million from the General Fund to OMD to issue grants to counties to hire personnel for county emergency management agencies.