

**HB 2461 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 2/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to create Oregon Critical Disaster Preparedness Stockpile to ensure robust stock of emergency supplies and equipment. Directs Oregon Homeland Security Council in consultation with Oregon Health Authority and other state agencies to develop a comprehensive list of essential equipment, materials, supplies, distribution channels and manufacturing capabilities for stockpile, which must include personal protective equipment, communicable disease testing equipment, and all hazards emergency surge supplies. Oregon Homeland Security Council shall provide progress report to Legislative Assembly. Directs Oregon Business Development Department to establish Oregon Resiliency Partnership. Limits civil liability in certain circumstances. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

Subsequent referral to Joint Committee on Ways and Means

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Pre-COVID, Oregon's stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE) was primarily acquired from the federal government and dates back to the 2009 H1N1 outbreak. The stockpile management has been based on the national procedures for storage and distribution, with guidance from the the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control. During the COVID pandemic, the Oregon Health Authority took the lead on prioritizing and authorizing PPE distribution, with the Oregon Military Department and Department of Administrative Services working on distribution logistics. Oregon's PPE supply target was created to meet the federal 60-day standard.

House Bill 2461 directs the Oregon Business Development Department to create the Oregon Critical Disaster Preparedness Stockpile to ensure a robust stock of emergency supplies and equipment, and to establish the Oregon Resiliency Partnership. The bill also directs state agencies to develop a comprehensive list of essential equipment, materials, supplies, distribution channels and manufacturing capabilities for stockpile, with the Oregon Homeland Security Council providing a progress report to Legislative Assembly.