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Measure Description:

Directs Office of Emergency Management to create and maintain database for flagging of known or suspected hazardous locations during emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department (OMD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2894 directs the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to create and maintain a database of known or suspected hazardous locations during an emergency. This measure also directs OEM to allow relevant state agencies and local law enforcement and emergency service providers to access the database. The database may only be used during and up to 15 days after the termination of a state of emergency declared under ORS 401.165 (declaration of state of emergency) or ORS 433.441 (proclamation of public health emergency).

The database created under HB 2894 shall have a user interface that allows persons with access to add to the database by noting locations known or reasonably believed to present risk of disease, contagion or other hazard related to the declared emergency. Authorized users will also be able to search the database to determine if a location has previously been listed as a known or suspected hazardous site and they will be able to remove outdated information from the database.

The cost of HB 2894 to the Oregon Military Department (OMD) is indeterminate. OEM bases its estimate of the cost of establishing the hazardous locations database on the Oregon State Fire Marshall's Community Right to Know Hazardous Substance Manager software. In 2017, the total cost for that software was \$726,770, which included \$376,770 for the initial building, testing and implementation; \$66,000 for annual maintenance (\$330,000 for 5 years); and \$20,000 for other services. Additional FTE needs will be dependent upon database creation and maintenance needs.