

HB 2890 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Office of Emergency Management to create and maintain registry of persons who are able and willing to provide services related to emergency response. Lists groups that should be included in registry, what conditions office may impose upon inclusion in registry, and what information each person must provide registry. Requires registry be accessible to emergency management agencies and emergency program managers. Directs office to establish procedures for communicating with appropriate entities to gather and update registry information.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority operates the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR). This database contains a list of licensed health care professionals who have registered to be volunteers in the event of federal, state, and/or local emergencies. SERV-OR consists of three volunteer groups; the Volunteer Management Unit, the State Managed Volunteer Pool, and the Medical Reserve Corps. Oregon also has the Oregon Civil Defense Force, formerly known as the Oregon State Defense Force, which is made up of volunteers and is part of Oregon's organized militia as outlined in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 396.105. During peacetime, the mission of the Civil Defense Force is to assist the Oregon National Guard.

House Bill 2890 directs the Office of Emergency Management to create and maintain a registry of people who are able and willing to provide services related to emergency response. The bill lays out lists out who should be included in the registry and what information needs to be provided to the registry; it also requires that the registry be accessible to emergency management agencies and emergency program managers and that the office establish procedures for communicating with the appropriate entities to gather and update the information contained within the registry.