

SB 103 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Transfers duties, functions, and powers of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) related to animal emergency operations plans to the Department of Agriculture (ODA). Adds Department of Human Services (DHS) as cooperating agency in developing such plans. Makes provisions of Act operative on July 1, 2022 and authorizes OEM, ODA, and DHS to take any action before the operative date necessary to carry out the legislative policy in Section 1 of Act.

No subsequent referral

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Department of Agriculture (ODA) has taken the lead on this work for a number of years
- Animal emergency operations during the 2020 wildfires, including shelter at State Fairgrounds, animal intake, and tracking of owners
- ODA role as convener; assistance to counties

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) combines a number of documents into a single plan. In the plan, four mission areas address the core functions of emergency management at the state level. Volume III of the CEMP is the Oregon Emergency Operations Plan, which consists of a plan body and a number of components, including emergency support functions (ESFs). ESF 17 - Agriculture and Animal Protection - describes how the state will coordinate its response for animal and agricultural issues and protection of the state's natural resources in case of an emergency or disaster. These functions include conducting animal and plant disease response and pest surveillance, ensuring that animal/veterinary/wildlife issues during a disaster are supported, and protecting the state's natural resources from the impacts of a disaster.

Senate Bill 103 would transfer the duties, functions, and powers of the Office of Emergency Management related to animal emergency operations plans to the Department of Agriculture.