

SB 288 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies requirements for interagency coordination of state resources in emergency response system to include faith-based and community-based organizations. Mandates inclusion of organizations representing specified communities in the emergency response system. Authorizes emergency management agency, under certain circumstances, to perform emergency program management functions. Modifies emergency management coordination efforts to include planning activities to enhance emergency and disaster response for specified communities. Expands definition of "qualified emergency service volunteer". Permits the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide workers' compensation coverage for emergency health care providers in accordance with certain rules for persons injured while performing emergency service activities during a declaration of statewide or public health emergency. Permits workers' compensation coverage for emergency healthcare providers rendering assistance pursuant to requests related to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) or the Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement (PNEMA), with certain parameters. Permits workers' compensation coverage for emergency healthcare workers engaged in certain approved training. Permits a registered emergency health care provider, upon request to the Governor from another EMAC party state, and upon certain OHA directives, to be considered an officer or employee of OHA for purposes of liability as defined in the EMAC. Modifies composition of Oregon Security Council to include the State Resilience Officer (SRO). Expands SRO responsibilities, with certain requirements. Directs Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to establish an outreach program with certain guidelines. Appropriates unspecified amount from General Fund to OEM for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 to accomplish said purposes. Authorizes Housing and Community Services (OHCS), in consult with OHA, to establish a grant program, with specific objectives. Appropriates unspecified amounts to OHCS from the General Fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 to accomplish specified purposes. Directs Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to administer the Unreinforced Masonry Seismic Safety Program and its fund, with certain provisions. Authorizes OBDD to award and disburse grants within certain rules and guidelines. Establishes the Oregon Unreinforced Masonry Seismic Safety Fund (OUMSSF) in the State Treasury with certain provisions. Requires report from OBDD to the legislature by September 15, 2023. Takes effect 91st day after sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND: