

HB 2897 -3, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Sub-Referral To: House Committee On Rules

Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/25, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires certain government officials and management employees to complete emergency management education.

Subsequent referral to the House Committee on Rules

REVENUE: *No revenue impact*

FISCAL: *Has minimal fiscal impact*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for emergency management (EM) training for non-EM leaders
- No anticipated training costs
- No penalties for non-compliance

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Requires certain government officials and management employees to complete introductory courses on incident command and National Incident Management System.

-4 Requires certain government officials and management employees to complete introductory courses on incident command and National Incident Management System. Requires local government officials who have or could reasonably be expected to have emergency or disaster response responsibility to complete education on emergency response.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) has existed for over 65 years. EMI offers over 600 courses in emergency management and preparedness to the integrated emergency management community; training more than 30,000 participants each year.

House Bill 2897 requires all elected officials in the state and all administrative heads of state agencies to complete certain courses offered by FEMA's EMI. The bill also requires all local officials to complete emergency management courses recommended by the local government's appointed emergency program manager.