

HB 2304 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority as an advisory group within Governor's office. Allows Governor to determine membership of authority. Allows Governor to activate authority when declaring emergency. Directs authority, when activated, to coordinate initial crisis services, coordinate recovery and mitigation efforts, and coordinate provision of emergency funding and aid to local governments or private entities.

Subsequent Referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 401.035 designate the Governor as being responsible for emergency services systems with the ability to delegate the responsibility. In ORS 401.052, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), within the Oregon Military Department, is give the responsibility of overseeing and administering efforts to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies. OEM also facilitates exercises and training, planning, preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery activities with state and local emergency services agencies and organizations. OEM is also required to develop a statewide emergency management plan and review and update the plan as necessary. As part the of the emergency management plan, OEM creates the Oregon Disaster Recovery Plan, which was last adopted in March of 2018. The plan takes an all hazard approach to the recovery process and goes over the basic recovery plan, which is comprised of the the scope and purpose of the plan, the situations and assumptions within the plan, the state recovery organization, the state recovery functions, and the implementation and maintenance of the plan.

House Bill 2304 creates the Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority as an advisory group within the Governor's office and allows the Governor to determine membership of authority and activate the authority when declaring an emergency. Once the authority is activated, the measure directs the authority to oversee the initial crisis services, the recovery and mitigation efforts, and the provision of emergency funding and aid to local governments or private entities.