

HB 2850 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Meeting Dates: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Office of Emergency Management to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to operations of office and submit report on its findings to Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amendment coming to create Economic Recovery Zones
- Zones would create structure for local recovery
- Will fit into ORS 401

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Allows Governor to establish economic recovery zones after termination of a state of emergency. Requires Governor to identify geographic boundaries of zone, appoint director for zone, and appoint advisory board for zone. Requires director to appoint incident command team to develop and manage recovery systems aligned with National Disaster Recovery Framework. Requires director to prepare and publish a report on actions taken, at least once every 60 days. Allows director to exercise any powers Governor is authorized to exercise during a declared emergency. Allows director to require state agencies not to enforce rules or statutes regarding actions taken or projects carried out to further the purpose of the economic recovery zone. Requires local government approval of applications for the development or use of land for any action or project that is approved by the director under certain circumstances. Requires director to publish written justification of such approval within 30 days of approval. Prohibits enforcement of waived rule or statute after termination of economic recovery zone to projects or actions for which the rule or statute was waived. Requires economic recovery zone be terminated within 24 months of its establishment. Allows for one 24 month extension of zone.

BACKGROUND:

The National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) was first published in 2011 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after two years of discussion with more than 600 stakeholders from across the nation. The NDRF focuses on how an entire community can work together to restore and redevelop after a disaster. The NDRF has eight core capabilities that it uses to organize the tasks needed to recover from the disaster.