

HB 2851 -1, -2, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

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:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Safety Assessment Program (OrSAP) pursuant to House Bill 2206 (2019), which is administered by the State Fire Marshal to evaluate the condition of buildings after an emergency.

The Nesika Beach Ophir Water District (NBOWD) currently serves approximately 560 connections which includes mostly residential homes and some businesses. Funds would be used to extend a water pipeline to the new firehouse near Ophir.

Rural fire protection districts (RFPDs) are authorized to levy property taxes to provide fire protection and other public safety services. RFPDs may contract for water services and facilities, emergency medical service equipment and services, law enforcement services, fire protection, road-lighting facilities and services, mutual communication systems, and regional oil and hazardous materials emergency response teams.