

SB 104 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Meeting Dates: 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to establish or recognize credentialing of critical service providers, to authorize access and function during emergencies that would otherwise be prohibited. Includes private entities in establishment of sector-specific credentialing programs and sets requirements. Mandates submission of annual report for entities that establish credentialing programs.

Senate Votes: Ayes, 26; Nays, 4--Boquist, Girod, Heard, Linthicum

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is housed within the Oregon Military Department and manages a statewide system that coordinates emergency services and disaster communications. OEM also coordinates Oregon's 9-1-1 program, awards grants for emergency response equipment to local governments, and oversees search and rescue efforts led by county sheriffs. The Director of OEM is the liaison between the Governor's Disaster Cabinet and the State's Emergency Coordination Center which serves as a central communications hub when there is a multijurisdictional response to an emergency.

Senate Bill 104 provides for the credentialing of critical service providers by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) or others if certain criteria are met, to streamline such providers' access and ability to function in emergencies.