

HB 2426 A -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Homeland Security Council to update list of equipment for State Preparedness and Incident Response (SPIRE) Grant Program before January 1, 2022. Requires Council to prioritize urban search and rescue equipment. Prioritizes grant applications from certain search and rescue teams. Authorizes issuance of Article XI-Q bonds sufficient to cover costs and produce \$10,000,000 net proceeds. Limits expenditures for urban search and rescue preparedness to \$2,000,000. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 The -A2 amendment removes the authorization of bond issuance from the measure, and removes the provision that proceeds from the bonds issued be limited to \$2 million for urban search and rescue preparedness equipment.

BACKGROUND:

The State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment (SPIRE) Grant Program funds the purchase and distribution of emergency preparedness equipment to local jurisdictions, including vehicles and other property, to be used during an emergency. The SPIRE equipment list was last updated in 2019.

House Bill 2426 directs the Oregon Homeland Security Council to update the list of equipment for the SPIRE grant program before January 1, 2022, prioritizing urban search and rescue equipment and grant requests from certain search and rescue teams.