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To: Public Safety Subcommittee

From: Julie Neburka, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 10, 2021

Subject: HB 2927– Relating to emergency management
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2927 renames the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) as the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) and establishes ODEM as an independent state agency, effective July 1, 2022. The measure also establishes the Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council to provide advice and recommendations to ODEM regarding ODEM’s emergency preparedness and response functions.

The bill renames the office of State Fire Marshal as the Oregon Department of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and establishes OSFM as an independent state agency effective July 1, 2023, and establishes the Task Force on Implementation charged with making recommendations as to whether the office of the State Fire Marshal should be made an independent state agency, and if not, in which existing state agency the Office of the Fire Marshal should be housed. The Task Force must report its findings and recommendations to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by February 1, 2022. The office of the State Fire Marshall is required to provide staffing support for the Task Force, which sunsets on January 2, 2023.

Finally, this bill transfers the Oregon Homeland Security Council from OEM to the Office of the Governor, adding members to and modifying the duties of the Council. The measure also establishes the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council to advise and make policy recommendations to the Oregon Homeland Security Council regarding federal emergency support functions.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A15 amendment, which provides funding to implement the measure. It adds \$4,437,892 General Fund to the Oregon Military Department to restructure the Office of Emergency Management to prepare it to operate as a stand-alone agency on July 1, 2022. It provides \$237,161 General Fund to the Office of the Governor, to provide staff support to the Oregon Homeland Security Council, and it establishes a

special purpose appropriation of \$1,807,561 in the Emergency Fund for the Oregon State Police to restructure the Office of the State Fire Marshal to operate as a stand-alone state agency, if that is the Task Force's recommendation.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2927, as amended by the -A15 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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