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Measure Description:

Transfers duty to prepare written animal emergency operations plan from Office of Emergency Management to State Department of Agriculture.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department (OMD), Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 103 transfers animal emergency operations planning from the Office of Emergency Management, within the Oregon Military Department (OMD), to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). This measure directs ODA, OMD and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to work together to develop and prepare written emergency operations plans for animals and livestock during major disasters or emergencies. The measure is operative July 1, 2022; OMD, ODA and DHS may take any action before the operative date in order to carry out this measure.

There is a minimal impact to ODA to implement this measure, but the method of implementation could change based on funding and positions included in the agency's 2021-23 legislatively adopted budget. If ODA staffing levels for the 2021-23 biennium remain the same as they are currently, then the State Veterinarian within ODA will be responsible for review of the existing animal emergency plan. Alternately, If ODA's 2021-23 legislatively adopted budget includes a new Emergency Management Coordinator position which was requested by ODA as part of Policy Option Package 110, then this new position would provide more comprehensive updates and oversight of animal emergency operations planning. Under either scenario, this measure has minimal fiscal impact for ODA.

This measure has no fiscal impact on OMD and DHS.