

HB 2897 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

Action Date: 03/04/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Rules by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-0-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Meek, Wallan, Wright

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/25, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires elected officials, directors of state agencies, and s and managers in state government to complete introductory courses on incident command structure sanctioned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Requires local government officials who may have disaster response duties, to complete emergency response training recommended by local emergency manager or administrative officer.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for emergency management (EM) training for officials
- Anticipated training costs
- Not penalizing noncompliance
- Clarifying which local officials need training

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Refinement to require introductory courses on incident command structure for state level personnel and to require only those local personnel to train, who may have emergency response duties.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) has existed for over 65 years. EMI offers over over 600 courses in emergency management and preparedness to the integrated emergency management community, training more than 30,000 participants each year.

House Bill 2897 A requires all elected officials, state agency heads, and management personnel in state government to complete introductory courses on incident command structure approved or offered by FEMA's EMI. The measure also requires all local government officials who may have emergency or disaster response duties to complete education on emergency response.