

## HB 2461 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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**Action Date:** 03/30/21

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

**Vote:** 6-0-0-0

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

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/4, 3/30

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Homeland Security Council (Council) to create Oregon Critical Disaster Preparedness Stockpile based on experience with recent emergencies to ensure robust stock of emergency supplies and equipment. Directs Council to develop a comprehensive list of essential equipment, materials, supplies, distribution channels and manufacturing capabilities for stockpile in consultation with other state agencies, and to determine statewide standard of availability by September 30, 2021. Requires list to include personal protective equipment (PPE), communicable disease testing equipment and all-hazards emergency surge supplies. Requires Council to report on progress to Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2021. Directs Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to establish Oregon Resiliency Partnership Program which may provide guaranteed purchase contracts or nonguaranteed purchase contracts with state, economic incentives to encourage participation, and technical assistance to navigate requirements. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for stockpile of PPE and testing materials
- Supply chain inadequacies and/or subpar quality
- Statewide standard for supply availability
- Intentional flexibility of some provisions (distribution)
- Local collaborations to increase supply
- Proper agency to administer program
- Rising cost of PPE due to demand
- Emergency management coordination between federal, state, and local governments
- Need for independent state solution to PPE shortages
- Physical locations of stockpiles

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

Pre-COVID, Oregon's stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE) was primarily acquired from the federal government and dates back to the 2009 H1N1 outbreak. Stockpile management has been based on national procedures for storage and distribution, with guidance from the federal Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. During the COVID pandemic, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) led prioritizing and authorizing PPE distribution, with the Oregon Military Department (OMD) and Department of Administrative Services (DAS) working on distribution logistics. Oregon's PPE supply target was created to meet the federal 60-day standard.

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House Bill 2461 A directs the Oregon Homeland Security Council to create the Oregon Critical Disaster Preparedness Stockpile to ensure a robust stock of emergency supplies and equipment, and also directs the Oregon Business Development Department to establish the Oregon Resiliency Partnership Program.