

HB 2851 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

Action Date: 04/08/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (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: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$300,000 to State Fire Marshal for Oregon Safety Assessment Program (OrSAP). Appropriates \$250,000 to Water Resources Department for distribution to Nesika Beach Ophir Water District for the purpose of funding fire protection infrastructure. Appropriates \$25,000 to State Fire Marshal to study and develop recommendations regarding rural fire protection districts. Appropriates \$2,126,040 to fund ten additional full-time positions in the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Complete funding package proposed in -2 amendment
- Whether Nesika Beach project could be covered by Capitol Construction
- Transitioning OEM out of OMD
- Combining multiple concepts into an omnibus measure
- What Joint Committee on Ways and Means might do with the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly created OrSAP pursuant to House Bill 2206 (2019), which is administered by the State Fire Marshal to evaluate the condition of buildings after an emergency.

The Nesika Beach Ophir Water District currently serves approximately 560 connections which includes mostly residential homes and some businesses. It reports that funds are needed to extend a water pipeline to a new firehouse near Ophir.

Rural fire protection districts (RFPDs) are authorized to levy property taxes to provide fire protection and other public safety services. RFPDs may contract for water services and facilities, emergency medical service equipment and services, law enforcement services, fire protection, road-lighting facilities and services, mutual communication systems, and regional oil and hazardous materials emergency response teams.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is located within the Oregon Military Department (OMD). The Director of the office is appointed by The Adjutant General (TAG), with the approval of the Governor. The Director serves as the liaison between the Governor's Disaster Cabinet and the State's Emergency Coordination Center.

House Bill 2851 A appropriates funds for OrSAP, the Nesika Beach Ophir Water District, the State Fire Marshal to study and develop recommendations regarding RFPDs, and for ten additional positions within OEM.