

## **HB 2982 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Business and Labor**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires insurers to offer 70 percent of coverage that insured has previously purchased for contents, without requiring inventory document, if loss is result of major disaster. Defines 'major disaster.' Requires insurers to notify insured that additional benefits may be available if inventory documentation is submitted. Insurer is required to disclose methodology for depreciating insured property, and to make payments within 30 days for undisputed contents when proof of loss forms are completed.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Amends definition of 'major disaster'. 'Major disaster' means a state of emergency the Governor declares under ORS 401.165 that involves or threatens to involve widespread loss of life, injury to persons or property, human suffering, or financial loss.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

Current law requires an insurer to provide proof of loss forms when a person claiming loss under an insurance policy makes a written request. However, the insurer has no responsibility to ensure completion of proof of loss forms. For the purposes of fire insurance, a person has 90 days after receipt of proof of loss forms to furnish proof of loss, notwithstanding anything more restrictive contained in the policy itself.

HB 2982 allows an insured person who experiences a total loss to receive a 70 percent payout of personal property coverage without inventory documentation, if an insured person provides documentation to the Department of Consumer and Business Services that home was furnished and the loss occurred as a direct result of a major disaster in a location that was subject to a declaration of a state of emergency under ORS 401.165.