

HB 3058 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 3/14, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Aviation to study issues related to improving airport infrastructure resilience and report to interim legislative committees by September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role airports will play during earthquake recovery process
- Overseen by a small agency with limited resources

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces original measure. Directs Department of Aviation to conduct study developing a plan for strategic investment for airports in Oregon. Outlines study participants and issues for consideration. Directs Department to submit report by January 1, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2024. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FIS: *Minimal fiscal impact on measure w/the -1 amendment*

RIS: *No revenue impact on measure w/the -1 amendment*

BACKGROUND:

The Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) is a megathrust fault approximately 1,000 kilometers long that lies off the Pacific coast from Northern Vancouver Island to Cape Mendocino California, forming the boundary between the North American and Juan de Fuca tectonic plates. Prior to the 1980s, little to nothing was known about the region's earthquake, until scientists and historians identified the fault as the cause of the "Orphan Tsunami" of 1700. Scientists now estimate that more than 40 earthquakes exceeding eight on the Richter scale have occurred along the CSZ over the past 10,000 years, with at least 19 of those events exceeding a magnitude of nine and rupturing the entire CSZ.

A major CSZ earthquake would result in widespread damage throughout the coastal and inland Pacific Northwest, including inundation and flooding from a tsunami. The Oregon Resilience Plan outlines a plan for strategically focused retrofit solutions for transportation facilities, including airports, which will play an integral role in emergency response efforts and recovery efforts following a major seismic event.

House Bill 3058 directs the Oregon Department of Aviation to conduct a study of issues related to improving airport infrastructure resilience and to report findings to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.