

SB 947 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure replaces the term “militia” with “national guard” in Oregon statute.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current United States Code specifies the militia consists of all able-bodied males from 17 through 44 years old who are or intend to become United States citizens, along with female citizens who are members of the National Guard. It further defines two classes of militia. One is the organized militia, which consists of the National Guard and the Naval Militia. The other is the unorganized militia, which is not defined beyond consisting of members outside the organized militia.

Oregon state statute currently defines militia similarly. The organized militia comprises the Oregon Army National Guard, Oregon Air National Guard, inactive Guard members, the Oregon Civil Defense Force whenever such a force is organized, and any additional forces created by the Governor. The unorganized militia comprises able-bodied Oregon residents between the ages of 18 and 45 not serving in the organized militia or who are not on the state retired list, and who are or intend to become United States citizens. Exemptions from military duty as created by United States law apply.

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