HB 2152 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Energy to develop the Statewide Geographic Diversity of Fueling Stations for Disaster Reserves Priority Action Plan.

Detailed Summary

- Requires the department to work with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Land Conservation and Development to develop the action plan.
- Requires the plan be based on the 2024 Oregon Energy Security Plan; outlines the report requirements.
- Allows the department to take actions necessary to implement the plan; review and update the plan once every five years.
- Requires the department to submit the plan to the Legislature no later than September 15, 2026.
- Take effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: TBD Revenue impact: TBD

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Concerns about the soils the CEI is built on and the risk of liquification during an earthquake
- Interest in including other agencies in the planning process, including the Oregon Department of Emergency Management and the State Resilience Officer
- Questions on if nuclear energy should be included in the plan

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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- Adds the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, the State Fire Marshall, and the State Resilience
 Officer to the list of agencies cooperating with the department on the plan.
- Requires the department to report to the interim committee of the Legislature related to emergency management, instead of energy.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1567 (2022) required the Oregon Department of Energy develop the Oregon Energy Security Plan to evaluate the state's ability to recover quickly from physical threats, including a magnitude 9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and cybersecurity threats. The measure also required the department to make recommendations for increasing the geographic diversity of fuel storage capacity throughout this state and the Diversification of Oregon's Liquid Fuel Storage geospatial screening tool was developed to identify and prioritize alternative sites for fuel storage in Oregon.