

HB 3754 -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 Emergency Management to develop a registry of people willing and able to provide volunteer services related to emergency response; requires the department to provide training to volunteers listed in the registry; and requires the Legislature dedicate unexpended funds to emergency volunteer purposes.

Detailed Background

- Requires the department to develop and maintain the registry; describes conditions for registry inclusion; allows the department to allow other persons on the registry.
- Allows the department to require evidence of qualifications; training experience; and criminal background checks.
- Describes what information will be included in the registry.
- Requires the department to make the registry accessible to emergency management agencies; emergency program managers; and others that the department deems as necessary for public safety.
- Allows the department to establish procedures for communicating with appropriate entities on the registry.
- Requires the department to develop and administer a statewide training program for volunteers on the registry; requires consultation with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.
- Requires the department to base the training on curriculum established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; requires the department to offer the training remotely; and requires consultation with other agencies to develop the training.
- Establishes that the Legislative Assembly during each odd-numbered year regular session, dedicate a percentage of money from the General Fund that are unexpended at the end of the biennium to emergency volunteer purposes.

Fiscal impact: TBD

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Questions about what level of training and certification would be required for registry volunteers
- Questions about liability and insurance coverage for volunteers
- Questions about training for volunteers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure

- Requires the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to collaborate with the OregonServes Commission to adapt the SERV-OR database to include a registry of persons who are able and willing to provide volunteer emergency response services.
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- Establishes that the Legislative Assembly during each odd-numbered year regular session, dedicate a percentage of money from the General Fund that are unexpended at the end of the biennium to emergency volunteer purposes.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority manages SERV-OR, which is a database of licensed health care professionals who have registered to volunteer in response to Federal, State, and/or local emergencies. The registry targets State of Oregon licensed and certified health care professionals, to include physicians, nurses, pharmacists, Emergency Medical Technicians, behavioral health providers, and others. Those on the registry are not obligated to respond to emergencies, depending on their unit they may or may not be required to undergo trainings, and they are not compensated for their services.