

SB 806 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows the Civil Air Patrol to use an armory or other military facility for official business at no cost, provided it does not interfere with members or units of the organized militia stationed there, and provided it is approved by the officer in charge and by military superiors.

Fiscal impact: Minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 28; Excused, 2

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of the Oregon Civil Air Patrol
- Questions about the current cost of Civil Air Patrol events
- Questions about liability and insurance needs for using military facilities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Military Department currently operates 42 armories around the state. Existing statute allows armories to be used by units of the organized militia, veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries, the government, and the Armed Forces of the United States. The Oregon National Guard Association may use these and other military facilities at no cost. Armories may also be rented by persons, firms, associations, or corporations; revenue generated from rentals goes into armory sustainment.

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a congressionally chartered, federally funded 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves as the civilian auxiliary to the Air Force. The CAP provides emergency services, disaster relief, and aerospace education programs, and operates a cadet program.