

HB 4033 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management and Veterans

Action Date: 02/12/26

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yea: 7 - Boice, Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Skarlatos, Tran, Watanabe

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/5, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure transfers all responsibility for the Oregon Volunteers in Disaster (ORVID) database from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM). It declares an emergency, effective on its passage.

Detailed Summary:

Describes provisions for the transfer and possession of the database, including records, property, and employees. Describes provisions of the transfer of unexpended revenues. Allows the governor to resolve any disputes between the two departments regarding the transfer. Describes provisions to address previous actions, prosecution, liability, duties, and obligations regarding the database transfer. Allows that the rules set by the HECC regarding the database remain in effect until superseded or repealed by OEM rulemaking. Allows that any law, resolution, or rule set by the legislature regarding the database is a reference for OEM. Requires the OEM director to report to the legislature's interim committees and Legislative Counsel when the transfer is complete, with provisions of the measure becoming operational upon transfer.

Updates the duties of OEM regarding a statewide registry for emergency management volunteers; provides guidance to OEM on registry membership and requirements; requires OEM to make the registry accessible to emergency management agencies and emergency program managers as described in statute; and allows OEM to share the registry with others at its discretion.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment removes provisions requiring OEM to establish procedures for collaboration with others on the database for the purposes of managing the database, and recruiting, training, and deploying volunteers.

BACKGROUND:

ORVID is an online, statewide disaster volunteer management system, licensed and managed by OregonServes, located within the HECC. ORVID provides emergency response managers the ability to manage, track, and credential volunteers, and for volunteers to connect to opportunities to help in their communities. Volunteers create a comprehensive profile in ORVID, including their expertise and availability.