

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Hanna
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Verger

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 21 – 0 – 0

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields
– Nays:
– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett, Winters
– Nays:
– Exc:

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Meeting Date: 6/15/07

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: This measure transfers the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) from the Department of State Police (OSP) to the Oregon Military Department (OMD) including all unexpended balances of amounts authorized to be expended by OEM. The measure re-assigns responsibility for the State Interoperability Executive Council from OEM to OSP. Lastly, the measure prohibits a unit of government from seizing a firearm from an individual who lawfully possesses the firearm during a declared state of emergency. The measure is effective on passage, but the OEM transfer is operative on July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Defines who is in charge when disaster strikes
- Updates definition of emergency
- Complementary roles of OEM and OMD
- Goal to achieve an integrated approach to the states emergency management

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes the title of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to the Office of Emergency Management and changes the transfer operative date from January 1, 2008 to July 1, 2007.

BACKGROUND: The OMD and OSP entered into a formal memorandum of agreement that transferred “operational control” of the OEM and homeland security functions to Military, effective October 31, 2006. This measure provides a legal basis for that agreement.