

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Cowan, Krieger, Nelson, Schaufler, Boone
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/27, 4/24, 5/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Stipulates that when search and rescue resources are deployed and the search area involves more than one jurisdiction, then one sheriff or their authorized designee shall assume command or the jurisdictions shall form a unified command as outlined by the National Incident Management System. Specifies that if one particular sheriff or regional search and rescue council does not take command of the incident, then by default the sheriff's office that received the call first is to be in charge of the operation.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Lack of statutory guidelines
- Need to clarify central command
- Governor's Search and Rescue Task Force
- James Kim family

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Under current statutes, the sheriff of each county has the responsibility for search and rescue (SAR) activities within their county and to adopt a SAR plan that lists and describes materials, equipment and personnel available within the county. The Office of Emergency Management is allowed to establish guidelines for county SAR plans [ORS 401.573 (4)] and is required to annually publish and distribute to each county sheriff a search and rescue resource inventory that is available.

House Bill 2555 expands the definition of SAR operations to include multi-county search and rescue incidents, which occur in a search area that involves three or more counties. The measure also expands the role of the Office of Emergency Management to include maintaining a current list of the officers responsible for SAR in each county and establishing guidelines or model policies relating to multi-county search and rescue efforts.