

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
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Meeting Dates: 2/15, 5/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires each county to establish a procedure for receiving, processing and transmitting to the Office of Emergency Management, in a timely manner, requests submitted by cities that the Governor declare an emergency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Chain of command at the county level
- Alternate plan if county commissioners are not available
- Federal response during an emergency
- Criteria used to declare an emergency
- Unfunded mandates

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment

BACKGROUND: Under current statutes, the Governor may declare a state of emergency by proclamation at the request of a county governing body or after determining that an emergency has occurred or is imminent.

House Bill 2624-A requires each county to establish a procedure for receiving, processing and transmitting to the Office of Emergency Management, in a timely manner, requests submitted by cities that the Governor declare an emergency.