

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Adopt with Amendments and Requesting Subsequent Referral to Ways and Means be Rescinded. (Printed C-Engrossed)
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	6/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Proposes amendment of Oregon constitution to provide for government action in event of catastrophic disaster. Grants governor temporary authority to redirect general fund and lottery monies for thirty days following declaration of disaster, unless legislature extends or passes law specifying use of funds. Permits extension of time limit with approval of three-fifths of each chamber able to attend and requires bill establishing termination date. Permits legislative operation in location other than Capitol and with quorum of two-thirds of members able to attend, rather than two-thirds of total members. Permits legislator attendance via electronic means. Restricts governor to one-time invocation per catastrophic disaster. Refers proposed amendment for vote in special election on same date as next general election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Possibility of catastrophic event in Oregon
- Lack of established plan for legislative or executive action
- Current level of emergency preparedness
- Potential for earthquake in Oregon
- Ability of legislature and governor to respond to catastrophic event
- Previous legislative efforts to address emergency preparedness

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Limits governor's authority to redirect general fund appropriations and lottery allocations to thirty days after declaration of disaster, unless legislature extends, or passes law specifying use of funds, whichever is sooner.

BACKGROUND: Oregon does not currently have an established plan for legislative succession after a catastrophic disaster. Proposed resolutions for a constitutional amendment have been introduced in prior legislative sessions, but none have yet been adopted and referred to the voters.