

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 6 - 0 - 0  
Yeas: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: 0  
Prepared By: Jill Petty, Administrator  
Meeting Dates: 4/5

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Provides that armory may be constructed in location in which existing armory deemed inadequate and where militia may be located. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Polk County Readiness Center needs legislative authority to continue building its armory
- Armories are constructed in locations where they best serve the National Guard

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** As defined in ORS 396.505, an armory is a building, together with the grounds upon which it is situated, used for the storage and maintenance of military property or the training of troops. The Oregon Military Department (Department) administers 39 armories, also known as readiness centers, located in cities throughout the state. The Department is in the process of building another readiness center in Polk County. Current law specifies that armories may be constructed in cities that do not currently have an armory or where an existing armory is inadequate. Senate Bill 535 A removes the reference to cities and provides that an armory may be constructed in a location in which the availability of an armory is deemed inadequate.