

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	4 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/2, 2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that armory may be constructed in location where no armory exists or where existing armory is deemed inadequate. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal dollars for use in construction of readiness centers
- Readiness center in Polk County
- Condition of aging armories
- Gresham armory
- Clarification of statutory language

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Restores language allowing armories to be constructed where no armory currently exists.

BACKGROUND: ORS 396.505 defines “armory” as a building, together with the grounds upon which it is situated, used for storage and maintenance of military property or the training of troops. The Oregon Military Department (OMD) administers 39 armories, also known as readiness centers, located in cities throughout the state. OMD 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 that does not have an armory or in which availability of an armory is deemed inadequate.