76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2012 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, George, Morse, Steiner Hayward, Hass

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to maintain website identifying seismic risk category for public K-12 schools. Requires school district and school performance report cards produced by Superintendent of Public Instruction to include information on accessing seismic risk category information on DOGAMI website. Directs school districts and education service districts to alert DOGAMI of structural changes likely to require reassessment of seismic risk.

MEASURE: SB 1566 A

CARRIER: Sen. Courtney

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Geologic history of Oregon
- Legislative history of seismic risk assessment
- Available funds versus identified need
- Information currently available on Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) website

EFFECT OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Limits applicability to public schools. Specifies circumstances under which new reporting is required.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 2 (2005) directed Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), in consultation with project partners (see below), to develop a statewide seismic needs assessment that includes seismic safety surveys of K-12 public school and community college buildings with capacity of 250 or more persons, hospital buildings with acute inpatient care facilities, fire stations, police stations, sheriffs' offices and other law enforcement agency buildings.

The statewide needs assessment consists of rapid visual screenings (RVS) of these buildings in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-154 (2002 Edition) or an equivalent standard adopted by DOGAMI; information gathering to supplement RVS; and ranking of RVS results into risk categories. The results are posted on DOGAMIs web site at: (http://www.oregongeology.org/sub/projects/rvs/default.htm).

Senate Bill 2 (2005) provided the first step in a pre-disaster mitigation strategy that was further defined in other legislation. Senate Bill 3 (2005) directed the Oregon Emergency Management office to create a grant program for local communities and schools. Senate Bill 4 (2005) and Senate Bill 5 (2005) directed the Oregon State Treasurer to issue voter approved bonds. The seismic grant program has not been funded by the legislature to the extent allowed. There is \$1.2 billion in bonding capacity, of which just over \$22 million has been allocated.