

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 5/9, 5/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires schools to drill and instruct for safety threats, including lockdown procedures, twice per year. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for a variety of emergency response drills, and flexibility to develop appropriate to each school, appropriate to type of emergency
- Cooperation among first responders, schools, communities to develop coordinated plans
- Ideas to improve language

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Replaces “duck, cover and hold” with current FEMA language, “drop, cover and hold on.”

[-2 amendment] Incorporates and further refine -1s. Makes language consistent with similar provisions in other measures pertaining to drills (SB 532A and HB 2183A). Clarifies total number of drills. Requires review of emergency response procedures by appropriate local first responders in conformity with most existing practice.

[pending] Duplicates -2 without the words, “recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.”

BACKGROUND: Current law requires school emergency drills and instruction on fires, earthquakes, and tsunamis; House Bill 2789 adds safety threats.

House committee vote: 7 • 1 • 1

House floor vote: 54 • 4 • 2