

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/7, 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates every September 27th, First Responder Appreciation Day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Variety of types of first responders: police, fire, paramedic, search and rescue, etc.
- Often dangerous, on-call nature of work, both paid and unpaid
- Limitless situations, people and environments responded to: night or day, at any location; air, land, water; involving people of all ages, circumstances, and walks of life
- The events of September 27th in Colorado that impacted the citizen requesting the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2182 expresses gratitude for volunteer and career first responders by declaring September 27th of each year, First Responder Appreciation Day. The date was chosen by the Colorado citizen who originated the idea, whose family and community were shaken by a tragedy of some significance in that state, on that date. Colorado is where First Responder Appreciation Day first became law.

House Committee vote: 7 • 0 • 0

House Floor vote: 56 • 0 • 4