

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the Measure. (Printed A-Engrossed)

Vote: 4 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/9, 5/23, 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires schools to drill and instruct for safety threats, such as lockdown procedures, twice per year. Requires review of emergency procedures by local first responders. Updates “duck, cover and hold” with current “drop, cover and hold on” language. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for a variety of emergency response drills, and flexibility to develop drills in 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: Replaces “duck, cover and hold” with “drop, cover and hold on.” Clarifies total number of drills. Requires review of emergency response procedures by appropriate local first responders in conformity with most existing practice.

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