

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 6/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows governing body to request Governor declare county elections emergency. Directs Secretary of State to provide election services in county until earlier of determination by Governor that emergency no longer exists or two years after declaration of emergency. Requires Secretary to seek reimbursement from Emergency Board for funds and spending authority. Requires funds retained by Director of Veterans' Affairs out of distribution to county without county veterans' service officer to be spent to provide veterans' services in that county in manner deemed appropriate by director. Authorizes county to request declaration by Governor of emergency in county that is providing less than minimally adequate property tax assessment and collection services. Specifies reimbursement for costs for collection services will come from (a) transfer of Assessment and Taxation County Account that would have been distributed from County Function Funding Assistance Account (CAFFA); (b) transfer of Assessment and Taxation County Account all-shared funds; (c) reimbursement from Emergency Board. No later than February 28, 2017, Secretary of State, Director of Veteran' Affairs, and Director of Department of Revenue shall report to the Senate and House Committees on Rules. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reasons for measure
- Amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes provisions prescribing certain actions by Department of Consumer and Business Services.

BACKGROUND: If a governing body believes that a county is in a state of fiscal distress that compromises the county's ability to provide a minimally adequate level of necessary services, the governing body may seek a declaration of a public safety services emergency by requesting in writing that the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (OCJC) review and analyze public safety services provided by the county. If OCJC finds that the county is providing a less than minimally adequate level of public safety services, the commission shall recommend to the Governor that the Governor declare a public safety services emergency for the county.

In Oregon, counties are responsible for the administration of elections within the county. House Bill 2206B would require the Secretary of State to assume control over the administration of elections if the governing body asks the Governor to declare a county elections emergency. In addition, House Bill 2206B would allow the governing body of a county to request a declaration by the Governor of an emergency in the county that is providing less than minimally adequate property tax assessment and collection services. If such a declaration is made, the Department of Revenue will provide services in the county to the extent necessary, to ensure a minimally adequate level of property tax assessment services, property tax collection services, or both, to all municipal corporations in the county.

House Bill 2206B also makes several changes relevant to funds to be spent on veterans' services. ORS 406.464 requires that the Oregon Director of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) adopt by rule a formula to distribute to county

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governing bodies funds appropriated to the director to enhance and expand the services provided by county veterans' service officers. Currently, the ODVA is allowed to retain not more than six percent of the total amount distributed if a county has not appointed county veterans' service officers. House Bill 2206B would allow ODVA to retain the full amount that would otherwise be distributed to a county with a county veterans' service officer. ODVA would be required to use the funds to provide veterans' services in a county not providing a county veterans' service officer in a manner deemed appropriate by the director until such time as the county appoints or reinstates a county veterans' service office.