

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL:** Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/3, 3/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates office of State Resilience Officer in office of Governor.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Top recommendation of Oregon Resilience Task Force (ORTF)

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 33 (2013) created a 17-member Task Force on Resilience Plan Implementation (TFRPI) in order to facilitate a comprehensive plan to implement the Oregon Resilience Plan. In December 2014 the Task Force presented their most critical recommendations to be implemented in the 2015-17 biennium of the more than 140 recommendations aimed at reducing risk and improving recovery for the next Cascadia earthquake. The top recommendation was to create a Resilience Policy Advisor to the Governor. This requires a specific appointment, with defined responsibilities. The Oregon Resilience Task Force (ORTF) recommends that this position be appointed by, and report directly to, the Governor. The ORTF considers it essential that the State establish ongoing, long-term, statewide resilience oversight to replace the current temporary, unfunded, volunteer committees.

House Bill 2270 creates a new position of State Resilience Officer in office of Governor.