

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL: House Committee on Revenue

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/12, 3/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Grants income tax credit for services to fire departments or rural fire protection districts provided by volunteer firefighters, as specified.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Rural areas are primarily served by volunteer First Responders. Rural Fire Protection Districts are facing increasing difficulty in recruiting and retaining voluntary firefighters.

House Bill 3189 grants an income tax credit of \$250 to firefighters who perform 100 hours of volunteer service to incentivize the retention of highly qualified individuals.