

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:**

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires new construction of essential facilities, hazardous facilities, major structures, and special occupancy structures located in identified tsunami inundation zones to comply with State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries' (DOGAMI) recommendations to mitigate risks to occupants, prior to final approval of design plans by building officials. Prohibits such construction if DOGAMI determines no available mitigation method is adequate. Exempts DOGAMI determinations from definition of "land use decision" for purposes of Oregon's land use laws. Changes number of occupants required to make adult education buildings subject to seismic evaluation by DOGAMI.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

BACKGROUND: Current law requires developers of new essential facilities, hazardous facilities, major structures, and special occupancy structures located in identified tsunami inundation zones to consult with the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries for assistance determining the possible impacts of a disaster and to prepare mitigation methods, but does not require compliance with DOGAMI's suggestions. The current occupancy threshold for a college or adult education building to qualify as a "special occupancy structure," subject to seismic evaluation, is more than 500 persons.

Senate Bill 778 requires certain new construction in hazard zones to comply with risk mitigation recommended by DOGAMI and prohibits construction if no available mitigation is adequate to address dangers to occupants. The measure also changes the current occupancy threshold for a college or adult education building to be subject to seismic evaluation.

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