

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness****Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued**Action Date:** 04/16/15**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Revenue.**Meeting Dates:** 03/17, 04/16**Vote:**

Yeas: 6 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Huffman, Lively, Parrish

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Exempts out-of-state businesses from paying state taxes, on a temporary basis when operating at the request of a registered business, solely for purposes of disaster or emergency work on critical infrastructure. Directs Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to administer, as specified.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Similar legislation in Washington and California
- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Clarifies “out-of-state employee” and equipment brought into the state. Makes out-of-state businesses’ submission of information to Department of Administrative Services (DAS) mandatory. The out-of-state business must be invited by an existing business registered in Oregon for purposes of disaster or emergency related work on critical infrastructure.

**BACKGROUND:**

During a declared emergency, many businesses bring in resources and personnel from other states on a temporary basis to expedite the task of cleaning up, restoring and repairing critical infrastructure, and other disaster-related work. Critical infrastructure includes property and equipment owned or used by communications networks, electric generation, transmission and distributions systems, gas distributions systems, water pipelines and related support facilities, and real and personal property such as buildings, offices, lines, poles, pipes, structures and equipment. Disaster or emergency related work includes repairing, renovating, installing, building or rendering other services to critical infrastructure that has been damaged, impaired or destroyed as a direct result of a declared disaster or emergency.

House Bill 2566-A exempts out-of-state businesses from paying state taxes for purposes of disaster or emergency work on critical infrastructure in order to expedite the induction of resources and personnel into the state after a disaster.