

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes pre-disaster measures taken to improve resilience inadmissible as evidence of negligence. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Recommended inspections and discoveries of possible threats are often avoided out of concern for future litigation.

Senate Bill 775-A makes explicit that measures undertaken before a disaster to prepare for that disaster cannot be used as evidence of negligence.