

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

**MEASURE: HB 2210 A**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Huffman**

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/03/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/17, 03/03

**Vote:**

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

Exc: 1 - Esquivel

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes access to restricted areas at discretion of Incident Commander for purposes of performing a public service or repairing broadcast infrastructure, as specified.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Use of radio broadcasts during declared emergencies
- Possibility of dependence on private infrastructure to maintain emergency communications
- Role and authority of Incident Commander

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Clarifies that individual requesting access must be employed by or under contract with a broadcaster providing public service or maintaining infrastructure. Removes provision for granting access for purpose of gathering and reporting news.

**BACKGROUND:**

During a declared emergency, broadcasters may need to access transmission sites and other infrastructure within a restricted area in order to maintain communication capabilities for first responders and the general public.

House Bill 2210-A permits an Incident Commander to grant access to restricted areas for personnel servicing or repairing commercial broadcasting infrastructure.