

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/19/15

Action: Do Pass And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference

Meeting Dates: 03/03, 03/19

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Huffman, Lively, Parrish, Piluso

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates office of State Resilience Officer.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Top recommendation of Oregon Resilience Task Force
- Appointment and responsibilities of Resilience Policy Advisor

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 33 (2013) created a 17-member Task Force on Resilience Plan Implementation to facilitate a comprehensive plan to implement the Oregon Resilience Plan, aimed at reducing risks and improving recovery after the next Cascadia earthquake. In December 2014 the Task Force narrowed the more than 140 recommendations in the Oregon Resilience Plan into the most critical for implementation in the 2015-17 biennium. The top recommendation was to centralize ongoing, long-term, statewide resilience oversight within the Governor's office, to replace the current temporary, unfunded, volunteer structure.

House Bill 2270 creates the new position of State Resilience Officer within the Governor's office to provide centralized policy guidance and oversight of efforts to implement the Oregon Resilience Plan.