

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/14/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 04/07, 04/14**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

Prepared By: Cheyenne Ross, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates Task Force on Mass Care and Sheltering staffed by Department of Human Services. Specifies composition and object. Requires report to legislature by October 1, 2018. Sunsets at start of 2019 legislative session.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Resilience Plan
- Completion of work by Senate Bill 33 (2013) task force on implementation of plan
- Creating new task force with focus on human services issues in event of disaster

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces contents of measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC) was established by Senate Bill 96 in 1991. It exists to influence pre-disaster mitigation policy, educate the public, and respond to new earthquake and tsunami data or issues. It is required to generate a report on its activities every two years, and in February of 2013, it issued its most comprehensive report: The Oregon Resilience Plan (Plan).

The Plan's central finding is plain and not new: The Cascadia subduction zone, an active fault off the coast of Oregon, poses a severe geological hazard to the state. Oregon is overdue for a large magnitude earthquake stemming from the Cascadia subduction zone, and is woefully underprepared. The Plan contains more than 140 recommendations and emphasizes the importance of a sustained effort, perhaps over the next fifty years, to make ongoing earthquake and tsunami preparations.

Soon after the Plan was released, Senate Bill 33 (2013) created a task force to tackle implementation. The task force completed its work in October of 2014. It prioritized issues for the Legislative Assembly and made recommendations concerning oversight, transportation, land use, energy, critical facilities, training and education, and water. As a result, a number of measures were introduced for the 2015 legislative session.

Senate Bill 808-A moves into the next phase of Plan implementation by creating another task force with a focus on human services to consider mass sheltering and care issues in the aftermath of a catastrophic event, and report to the Legislature by October 1, 2018.