

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/14/15**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 02/12, 04/14**Vote:**

Yeas: 6 - Clem, Gilliam, Gomberg, Helm, Post, Witt

Nays: 1 - McLane

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines “natural hazard.” Requires Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), in coordination with Office of Emergency Management, to establish program to provide guidance to local governments and special districts concerning accurate identification of potential natural hazard areas and best planning practices to mitigate adverse impacts resulting from development in natural hazard areas. Requires DLCD to consult with cities, counties, special districts and state and federal agencies, including Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Oregon Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), and Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) in development of program. Clarifies that local governments or special districts are not required to follow best planning practice guidelines developed by program. Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to adopt rules to address potential risks associated with current and future development in areas susceptible to coastal erosion, landslides and tsunamis on or before two years after effective date of Act. Exempts structures customarily utilized in conjunction with farm use, including farm dwellings, from regulation. Instructs LCDC to consult with cities, counties, special districts and state and federal agencies, including FEMA, DOGAMI, and ODF, in adopting rules. Appropriates \$50,000 to DLCD from General Fund. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The mission of the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission
- Potential cost and loss of life in the event of a great Cascadia earthquake

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, House Resolution 3 directed the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission to plan for the impacts of a Cascadia earthquake and tsunami here. The report, “The Oregon Resilience Plan,” was presented to the Oregon Legislative Assembly in February 2013. The Commission determined that Oregon is far from resilient to the impacts of a great Cascadia earthquake and tsunami today. Available studies estimate fatalities ranging from 1,250 to more than 10,000 due to the combined effects of earthquake and tsunami, tens of thousands of buildings destroyed or damaged so extensively that they will require months to years of repair, tens of thousands of displaced households, more than \$30 billion in direct and indirect economic losses (close to one-fifth of Oregon’s gross state product), and more than one million dump truck loads of debris.

House Bill 2633 A would require the DLCD to establish a program to provide guidance to local governments and special districts concerning accurate identification of potential natural hazard areas and best planning practices to mitigate adverse

impacts resulting from development in natural hazard areas. The measure would not require local governments or special districts to follow the best planning practice guidelines developed by the program and would exempt structures customarily utilized in conjunction with farm use, including farm dwellings, from regulation. House Bill 2633 A would appropriate \$50,000 to DLCD to establish the program.