

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/21/15

Action: Do Pass. Refer To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 04/07, 04/21

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to develop guidelines, best practices, model plan provisions and recommendations for building code provisions related to tsunami resilience. Appropriates monies from General Fund to that end.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recommendations of Oregon Resiliency Task Force
- Recommendations of Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

On March 28, 1964, a tsunami hit the Oregon coastline approximately four hours after it was generated by a severe earthquake in Prince William Sound, Alaska. Four people in Oregon were killed. Destruction occurred at numerous locations, including Seaside, Cannon Beach, Depoe Bay, Florence, Rogue River, along the Umpqua River, Waldport and in Newport Bay. A severe earthquake associated with the Cascadia Subduction Zone off the Oregon coast would generate a destructive tsunami impacting the entire west coast within minutes. A locally generated tsunami has the potential to cause damage that far exceeds the damage inflicted by a tsunami of distant origin. "Preparing for a Cascadia Subduction Zone Tsunami: A Land Use Guide for Oregon Coastal Communities" prepared by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), was released on January 15, 2014, to assist vulnerable communities as they incorporate tsunami resilience measures into their local land use programs. The land use guide is designed to be tailored by communities to address their individual tsunami risk and location, and provides comprehensive information focused on land use planning approaches to reduce tsunami hazard risk and implement important land use resilience measures.

House Bill 3447 appropriates monies to enable DLCD to assist communities in implementing tsunami guidance and resilience measures.