

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/02/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/21, 06/02

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Makes pre-disaster measures taken to improve resilience inadmissible as evidence of negligence. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure and legislative intent
- Recommendations of Oregon Resiliency Task Force

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Recommended inspections that could lead to the discovery and repair of potential infrastructure hazards are often avoided due to concern about possible litigation.

Senate Bill 775-A makes explicit that measures undertaken before a disaster to prepare for that disaster cannot be used as evidence of negligence.