

SB 1000 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the creation of a volunteer civil defense force under the Department of State Police (DPS) called the Oregon State Police Civil Defense Force. Describes its function. Requires its volunteers, and volunteers with County Civil Defense Forces, to possess certain qualifications. Distinguishes the Oregon State Police Civil Defense Force from the Oregon State Defense Force, and renames the Oregon State Defense Force the Oregon Civil Defense Force.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] States that reserve officers may also volunteer/participate in civil defense force. Permits reserve officers that are veterans to seek reimbursement for training from ODVA.

[-2 amendment] Reinforces voluntary nature of participation in defense force by refining language that insulates state/public bodies from tort liability.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law currently provides for the existence of volunteer, civilian defense forces that are distinct from but supplement the activities of professional first responders and the Armed Forces, at both the state and local levels. At the local level, county volunteer forces answer to county Sheriffs, and at the state level, the Oregon State Defense Force answers to the Adjutant General of the Oregon Military Department; however, the Oregon State Defense Force has been suspended for some time.

Senate Bill 1000 authorizes the Department of State Police to form the Oregon State Police Civil Defense Force.