

HB 2574 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 03/28/17

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Education to develop and school districts to implement an age-appropriate curriculum on earthquake and tsunami safety for K-12 students. Permits school districts to opt out with written notice to the State Resilience Officer. Replaces current requirement for at least thirty minutes of emergency preparedness instruction each month with requirement for at least four hours each school year. Requires drills and instructions on survival in the days and weeks after a natural disaster to be age-appropriate. Appropriates General Fund dollars. Applicable beginning the 2019-2020 school year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potentially prolonged periods of critical infrastructure interruptions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

It is the policy of the State of Oregon to reduce the vulnerability to loss of life, injury to persons or property, and human suffering and financial loss resulting from emergencies, and to provide recovery and relief. Oregon law currently requires K-12 schools to instruct and drill students on emergency procedures for fires, earthquakes, tsunamis, and safety threats for at least 30 minutes per month. House Bill 2574-A changes this to at least four hours per school year, requires it to be age-appropriate and directs that it include information on survival in the days and weeks after a natural disaster. The measure also permits school districts to opt out of implementation with written notice to the State Resilience Officer.