

HB 2983 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 03/30/17

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

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post

Exc: 1 - Boone

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates the Task Force on Disaster Response and Recovery to prioritize and recommend upgrades to critical facilities and infrastructure for large-scale emergency response including a plan for energy self-sufficiency and a list of sites to stage response equipment and personnel. Directs task force to report to the Legislative Assembly by December 1, 2018. Sunsets December 31, 2018. Takes effect on the 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon's critical infrastructure vulnerabilities to seismic events

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds the State Resilience Officer to the task force. Replaces the Department of Consumer and Business Services with the Oregon Military Department. Directs President of the Senate to appoint two members, one of whom must be the chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness; and directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint two members, one of whom must be the chair of the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Resilience Plan (ORP), dated February 2013, presented more than 140 recommendations aimed at reducing risk associated with natural or man-made disasters, and improving disaster response and recovery capabilities over the next 50 years, in anticipation of the next Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. A legislatively created task force then narrowed and prioritized the most immediate recommendations for implementation under the direction of the State Resilience Officer, a position that was created in 2015, and filled in 2016.

House Bill 2983 A creates a task force to study and recommend the development of a sustainable program of upgrades to critical facilities and infrastructure.