

SB 851 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 04/18/17

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Rules. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 4-0-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Oregon Military Department to receive and share terrorist threat information as specified, for threat management purposes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Military Department (OMD) is responsible for administration of the Oregon Army and Air National Guard. These military units protect life and property in Oregon and elsewhere, as well as provide reserves for the U.S. Air Force and Army. The Oregon Army and Air National Guard are under the jurisdiction of the Governor through the office of the Adjutant General, who is also the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor. OMD is also home to the Office of Emergency Management, which is the lead entity for statewide emergency planning efforts. OMD's missions include augmenting local and state law enforcement, firefighters, search and rescue personnel and other first responders with threats to public safety and disaster relief efforts. Threats to public safety can take many forms, and information-sharing can sometimes be problematic; for example, if threat information is withheld for a criminal prosecution purpose that might be important for a public safety planning purpose.

Senate Bill 851-A authorizes OMD to receive and share terrorist threat information for threat management purposes.