

SB 850 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Carrier: Rep. Esquivel

Action Date: 05/16/17
Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 7-0-1-0
Yeas: 7 - Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post
Exc: 1 - Boone
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC) to create volunteer committee or committees to assist with its work, as specified, primarily to investigate issues related to provision of earthquake insurance to residential property owners, and mass care and displacement. Directs agencies with subject matter expertise to offer supplemental staff support. Requires report to State Resilience Officer by September 30, 2018. Sunsets January 2, 2019. Declares emergency, takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History and momentum behind statewide disaster planning
- OSSPAC working with the State Resilience Officer on top two resilience planning issues
- Modeling provision of residential earthquake insurance on California Earthquake Authority
- Mass care and displacement planning gaps
- Legislative members of OSSPAC (Representative Boone and Senator Roblan)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (or Earthquake Commission or OSSPAC) was established by Senate Bill 96 in 1991 to promote earthquake and tsunami awareness and preparedness. It is required to submit a report to the Governor every two years, and in February of 2013, it issued the Oregon Resilience Plan (the Plan). The Plan exceeds 300 pages and contains more than 140 recommendations, emphasizing the importance of a sustained effort, perhaps over the course of fifty years, to make ongoing earthquake and tsunami preparations. Soon after the Plan was released, the legislature created a task force to study implementation of the Plan's recommendations, and to prioritize issues for legislative action. The task force issued its recommendations in October of 2014, which led to the introduction of legislation during the 2015 legislative session to create the position of State Resilience Officer (SRO) to organize and centralize implementation efforts.

Senate Bill 850 A requires OSSPAC to create committees to assist with its work on emergency preparedness issues, particularly in the areas of residential earthquake insurance and mass care and displacement, and to report to the SRO.