

SB 228 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds a representative from the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) to the Homeland Security Council.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- DOJ's current involvement with the Homeland Security Council

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Homeland Security Council within the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) receives briefings on security matters at least annually, including those related to catastrophic disasters and other states of emergency declared by the Governor, and advises relevant state agencies on emergency management strategies. The Council currently consists of the Governor, the Adjutant General, four legislators, the Superintendent of State Police, and OEM's director.

Senate Bill 228 adds a representative from the Department of Justice, in light of its role operating the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center: the Fusion Center engages in information analysis and sharing around all hazards and crimes, in partnership with federal, state, and local law enforcement. Its primary mission is to aid in the identification, prevention, and disruption of terrorist and criminal threats, which could exploit vulnerabilities that might exist after a catastrophic event.