

HB 2536 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/21, 3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Oregon Public Places are Safe Places Investment Fund. Appropriates moneys in Fund to the Office of Emergency Management for identifying and developing staging areas for emergency response. Creates an advisory committee within the Office of Emergency Management advise and make recommendations regarding expenditures from the Fund.

NOTE - measure has a subsequent referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of open spaces as rally points in emergency situations
- Collaboration between state and local governments

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is a division within the Oregon Military Department responsible for coordinating and maintaining the system of statewide emergency services for responding to natural or man-made disasters. It is the lead agency in developing and enhancing the state's preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation capabilities to protect lives, property and the environment.

House Bill 2536 creates an Oregon Public Places are Safe Spaces Investment Fund and appropriates moneys within the fund to OEM to make expenditures from the Fund. The measure also creates an advisory committee to make recommendations to the OEM for expenditures from the Fund. The 26-member advisory committee is appointed to four-year terms by the Governor and consists of representatives from state agencies and local government.

Section 4 of the measure specifies that House Bill 2536 shall be known as the Oregon Public Spaces Resiliency Investment Act.