

**HB 2565 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:** 2/28, 4/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Oregon Military Department to issue grants to counties for the purpose of hiring emergency management agency personnel. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for additional personnel at county level

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Military Department's (OMD) primary mission is to administer, house, equip, and train the Oregon National Guard, whose purpose, in turn, is to support the Governor during civil unrest or natural disaster and to provide a reserve force for the United States Air Force and United States Army.

The Oregon Military Department also houses the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, the state's lead entity for coordination of statewide efforts to ensure that Oregonians can get help in an emergency. House Bill 2565 appropriates \$3.6 million from the General Fund to OMD to issue grants to counties to allow them to hire personnel for county emergency management agencies.