

**HB 2196 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Military Department to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to operations of Department. Requires Department to submit report on findings to Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2021.

**NOTE - this is placeholder language - refer to "effect of amendment" section**

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-3 Designates employees of the Oregon Military Department whose primary duty is fighting structural, aircraft, wildland or other fires eligible for participation in PERS.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under current law, certain public employees whose primary duties are fighting fires qualify as members of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). These include the State Fire Marshal, the chief deputy fire marshal, and deputy state fire marshals, as well as employees of the Oregon Department of Forestry certified by the State Forester as professional wildland firefighters and whose duties include the abatement of uncontrolled fires.

House Bill 2196, as amended by the -3 amendment, makes employees of the Oregon Military Department whose primary duty is fighting structural, aircraft, wildland or other fires eligible for participation in PERS.