

**SB 291 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and General Government**

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**Action Date:** 02/19/19

**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage and request referral to Environment and Natural Resources.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Girod, Hass, Olsen, Riley

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows governing body of a county, city, or district to authorize persons to exercise authority regarding Emergency Conflagration Act. Prohibits refusal or limitation of response under Emergency Conflagration Act based on lack or scarcity of structures in vicinity of fire.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Emergency Conflagration Act allows the Governor to assign any fire fighting force and equipment to any portion of the state in response to fire, a heightened danger of fire, or a significant reduction in available fire fighting resources. Senate Bill 291 allows the governing body of a county, city, or district to authorize individuals to request the Governor take certain actions under the Oregon Emergency Conflagration Act, and prohibits the Governor from refusing or limiting the assignment of fire fighting forces or equipment based on a lack or scarcity of structures in the vicinity of the fire.