

HB 2536 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 03/28/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Evans, Lewis, Meek, Neron, Wallan, Wilde, Zika

Exc: 1 - Findley

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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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 to advise and make recommendations regarding expenditures from the Fund.

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 Places Investment Fund and appropriates moneys in the Fund to OEM to make expenditures related to identifying and developing staging areas. 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 Places Resiliency Investment Act.