

SB 1037 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 04/03/19

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 3-0-1-0

Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, President Courtney

Exc: 1 - Olsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates 18-member Transformational Resilience Task Force to study aspects of psychological, emotional, and psychosocial resilience education and skills training. Specifies task force composition and study parameters. Allows support of Portland State University. Bars direct state funding. Requires report to legislature by May 2, 2022. Sunsets June 30, 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Traumatic events can cause more than just physical injury, particularly when the trauma is severe or sustained. In the wake of natural and human-caused disasters, youth and adults may experience a variety of types and levels of stress, such as anxiety, depression, despair, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicidality, as well as increased drug and alcohol use and interpersonal difficulties that may affect whole families. On a catastrophic scale such as Hurricane Katrina, the Camp Fire, or the New Zealand mosque shootings, disaster-generated maladies not only harm individuals and their families, but can increase the cost of care, burden health care systems, inhibit recovery, and negatively affect the health and well being of emergency and other responders, and whole communities for years.

Senate Bill 1037 establishes an 18-member task force to study aspects of psychological, emotional, and psychosocial resilience education and skills training, with an eye toward improving individual and collective disaster preparedness, response, and recovery statewide.