

HB 2735 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 04/02/19

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Evans, Findley, Lewis, Meek, Neron, Wallan, Wilde, Zika

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/21, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates Task Force on Disaster Response and Recovery to identify locations to serve as rally points, staging areas, and recovery spaces after a natural disaster. Designates Office of Emergency Management as staff support for Task Force. Directs Task Force to report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020. Sunsets December 31, 2020. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role that open spaces can play in disaster response and recovery

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2735-A establishes a 35-member Task Force on Disaster Response and Recovery, consisting of the chairs of the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness and the Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness, two additional legislators, state agency representatives, local government representatives, and organizations related to disaster response.

The Task Force is given the duty of identifying locations, or potential locations, suitable as rally points for individuals displaced during an emergency; for response facilities for emergency service providers; and as recovery spaces for medium-term care, housing, and support for individuals during an emergency. The measure designates the Redmond Municipal Airport and the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay as primary air and sea transportation points and outlines the role of those two facilities. The Task Force is also to identify necessary projects to convert potential spaces into suitable open spaces; identify other projects that can increase emergency resilience; and develop a prioritized list of potential emergency resilience projects.