

**HB 4041 -1, -2, -3, -4, -5, -6, -7, -8, -9 STAFF MEASURE
SUMMARY**

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Renames Office of Emergency Management as Oregon Department of Emergency Management and establishes department as state agency independent from Oregon Military Department. Vests and transfers certain authorities to Oregon Department of Emergency Management.

Renames office of State Fire Marshal as Department of the State Fire Marshal and establishes department as state agency independent from Department of State Police. Vests and transfers certain authorities to Department of the State Fire Marshal.

Adds seven members to the Oregon Homeland Security Council. Establishes Emergency Advisory Council to advise the Oregon Homeland Security Council. Establishes Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council to advise the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. Becomes operative July 1, 2023.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Local emergency management councils
- Department of Public Safety, Standards, and Training added to Homeland Security Council
- Disaster services leave protection
- Governor appointed positions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Keeps search and rescue operations with Oregon Department of Emergency Management. Restores ability of Public Health Director to take actions to address a public health emergency if approved by the Governor and the Director of Oregon Department of Emergency Management. Ensures the Oregon Health Authority continues to collect individually identifiable health information during a declared emergency. Retains Oregon Department of Energy responsibilities relating to nuclear power.

-2 Replaces the measure to only include sections establishing the Department of Emergency Management as state agency independent from the Oregon Military Department and creating disaster service leave protection for certain employees.

-3 Replaces the measure to only include sections establishing the Department of the State Fire Marshal as state agency independent from the State Police and creating disaster service leave protection for certain employees.

-4 Replaces the measure to only include sections adding seven members to the Oregon Homeland Security Council, establishing Emergency Advisory Council to advise the Oregon Homeland Security Council, establishes Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council to advise the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, and creating disaster service leave protection for certain employees.

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-5 Changes operative date from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024. Creates disaster service leave protection for certain employees.

-6 Changes operative date from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2025. Creates disaster service leave protection for certain employees.

-7 Replaces original measure. Reclassifies Director of the Office of Emergency Management as a Governor-appointed position confirmed by the Senate. Establishes Emergency Advisory Council to advise the Oregon Homeland Security Council. Establishes Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council to advise the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. Establishes Task Force on Emergency Management Restructuring.

-8 Replaces the measure to only include sections adding seven members to the State Resilience Officer, establishing Emergency Advisory Council to advise the Oregon Homeland Security Council, establishing Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council to advise the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, and creating disaster service leave protection for certain employees.

-9 Replaces original measure. Reclassifies Director of the Office of Emergency Management as a Governor-appointed position confirmed by the Senate. Establishes Emergency Advisory Council to advise the State Resilience Officer. Establishes Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council to advise the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. Establishes Task Force on Emergency Management Restructuring. Creates disaster service leave protection for certain employees.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) exists within the Oregon Military Department with the mission to lead collaborative state-wide efforts, inclusive of all partners and the communities they serve, to ensure capability to provide aid and assistance in an emergency and protect, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies or disasters regardless of cause.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) exists within the Oregon State Police Agency with the mission to protect citizens, their property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials.

House Bill 4041 removes OEM and OSFM from their parent agencies and establishes them as distinct departments within the Oregon Executive Branch. The bill also establishes two advisory councils designed to provide advice and recommendations relating to emergency preparedness and response functions.