

HB 4111 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to establish and administer voluntary Oregon outdoor recreation search and rescue card program. Establishes Oregon Search and Rescue Fund. Directs OEM to establish county search and rescue grant program to distribute moneys to counties for equipment, training and educational outreach. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces original measure. Authorizes Office of Emergency Management to enter into agreement with nonprofit organization representing Sheriffs to establish and administer a program to produce and sell outdoor recreation search and rescue cards via authorized sellers. Requires annual report to legislative committees if agreement to create program is entered into. Provides requirements for outdoor recreation card program. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM), housed within the Oregon Military Department, is the state's lead entity for coordination of statewide efforts to ensure that Oregonians can get help in an emergency, and to protect, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural or man-made emergencies and disasters. OEM is organized around a set of 18 emergency support functions (ESFs): transportation; communications; public works; firefighting; information and planning; mass care; resource support; health and medical; search and rescue; hazardous materials; food and water; energy; military support; public information; volunteers and donations; law enforcement; agriculture and animal protection; and business and industry.

Search and Rescue (SAR) refers to the process of finding and providing aid to persons who are in distress or imminent danger. The term broadly covers many sub-fields, such as mountain rescue, ground search and rescue, air-sea rescue over water, and urban search and rescue.