

**HB 4041 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Action Date:** 02/11/20

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

**Vote:** 7-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Evans, Lewis, Meek, Neron, Post, Wilde, Zika

**Exc:** 1 - Wallan

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/4, 2/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Reclassifies Director of the Office of Emergency Management as a Governor-appointed position confirmed by the Senate. Establishes Emergency Preparedness 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. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**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:**

Replaces major portions of measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) exists within the Oregon Military Department with the mission to lead collaborative statewide 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.

House Bill 4041-A makes the OEM Director a Governor-appointed position, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The measure also establishes two advisory councils: the 13-member Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council, tasked with advising and making recommendations to the Oregon Homeland Security Council; and the 10-member Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council, intended to advise the Office of Emergency Management. Finally, House Bill 4041-A establishes an Emergency Management Restructuring Task Force, consisting of 13 members, to study emergency management resources and capabilities available in Oregon and to prepare recommendations for a comprehensive restructuring of the state's emergency management systems. The Task Force is directed to submit its report and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by January 31, 2022.