

HB 2892 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 1/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates an unspecified amount of additional General Fund dollars for the biennium beginning July 21, 2021, to the Department of State Police for State Fire Marshall personnel costs associated with the Oregon Safety Assessment Program.

Subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Safety Assessment Program pursuant to House Bill 2206 (2019), administered by the State Fire Marshal to evaluate the condition of buildings after an emergency and determine which were safe to occupy. This was deemed necessary to reach the goal of seismic resilience which the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Committee (OSSPAC) defines as: Oregon citizens will not only be protected from life-threatening physical harm, but because of the risk reduction measures and pre-disaster planning, communities will be able to recover more quickly and with less continuing vulnerability following a Cascadia subduction zone earthquake and tsunami.

House Bill 2892 appropriates additional funds from the state's General Fund to the State Fire Marshall to cover personnel costs related to the Oregon Safety Assessment Program.