

SB 105 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 2/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Transfers functions and powers of the Oregon State Police (OSP) relating to the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) operative July 1, 2022. Authorizes OSP and OEM to take enabling actions before operative date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) is used to manage state resources in response to all manner of emergencies involving multi-jurisdictional cooperation between all levels of government and the private sector. OERS was established in 1972 by the Governor to improve communications and coordination between government agencies responding to certain incidents across the state, and has been expanded in scope over time.

OSP is a multi-disciplinary law enforcement organization charged with protecting the people, property, and natural resources in Oregon. OSP is represented on the State Emergency Response Commission that is responsible for designating Emergency Planning Districts (EPDs) throughout Oregon; establishing local emergency planning committees (LEPCs) within EPDs; appointing committee members; and reviewing local community emergency response plans.

OEM, within the Oregon Military Department (OMD), is responsible for maintaining and coordinating statewide emergency services. Its mission is to lead inclusive, collaborative, statewide efforts to ensure assistance is available in an emergency: to prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from emergencies or disasters regardless of cause.

Senate Bill 105 transfers Oregon State Police (OSP) responsibilities relating to the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) operative July 1, 2022, and authorizes OSP and OEM to take enabling actions before the operative date.