

**HB 2883 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:** 2/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes Oregon Public Places Are Safe Places Investment Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Office of Emergency Management for implementation of strategies for identifying and developing staging areas for emergency response. Creates advisory committee within Office of Emergency Management to provide expenditure advice and recommendations.

Subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Staging areas are temporary sites, created near areas impacted by a disaster, where personnel, equipment, and commodities are kept while awaiting tactical assignments. Oregon's Emergency Coordination Center is responsible for mobilizing the staging areas and works in consultation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Logistics Chief. When determining the activation of a staging area, many factors are taken into consideration including; transportation infrastructure, intensity of the event, population density affected, and resource requirements on the area.

House Bill 2883 creates the Oregon Public Places Are Safe Places Investment Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the Office of Emergency Management for the implementation of strategies for identifying and developing staging areas for emergency response. The bill also creates an advisory committee within the Office of Emergency Management to provide advice and recommendations to the office on expenditures from the fund.