

HB 2233 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Established Emergency Shelter Task Force. Directs task force to study and make recommendations regarding provision of shelter for people and animals in the aftermath of an emergency. Requires task force to report its finding and recommendations to Legislative Assembly by December 1, 2021. Sunsets task force on June 30, 2022. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2233 creates the Emergency Shelter Task Force. The task force is comprised of 11 members with, two members from the Legislative Assembly and the Governor appointing the other nine members from the Office of Emergency Management, the Housing and Community Services Department, providers of shelter, those with experience in providing shelter in military or field environments, and those with experience in emergency logistics. The task force is charged with studying and making recommendations about the provision of shelter to individuals in the event of a disaster like a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake of 9.0 or greater. The task force's recommendations must include how to eliminate of legal obstacles to direct or indirect provision of shelter by the state, what supplies, equipment, and other materials would be necessary to provide adequate shelter, what personnel resources would be necessary to provide adequate shelter, and the funding levels necessary to provide adequate shelter.