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House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/4, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to create Oregon Critical Disaster Preparedness Stockpile to ensure robust stock of emergency supplies and equipment. Directs Oregon Homeland Security Council in consultation with Oregon Health Authority and other state agencies to develop a comprehensive list of essential equipment, materials, supplies, distribution channels and manufacturing capabilities for stockpile, which must include personal protective equipment, communicable disease testing equipment, and all hazards emergency surge supplies. Oregon Homeland Security Council shall provide progress report to Legislative Assembly. Directs Oregon Business Development Department to establish Oregon Resiliency Partnership. Limits civil liability in certain circumstances. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

Subsequent referral to Joint Committee on Ways and Means

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for stockpile of PPE and testing materials
- Supply chain inadequacies and/or subpar quality
- State-wide standard for supply availability
- Intentionally vague in some areas; distribution not included in bill
- Local technical collaborations to increase supply
- Proper agency location for this program
- Rising cost of PPE due to demand
- Emergency management coordination between federal, state, and local governments
- Need for independent state solution to PPE shortages
- Where to physically locate stockpiles

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Directs Oregon Homeland Security Council to create Oregon Critical Disaster Preparedness Stockpile to ensure robust stock of emergency supplies and equipment. Directs Oregon Homeland Security Council in consultation with Oregon Health Authority and other state agencies to develop a comprehensive list of essential equipment, materials, supplies, distribution channels and manufacturing capabilities for stockpile, which must include personal protective equipment, communicable disease testing equipment, and all hazards emergency surge supplies, and determine statewide standard of availability by no later than July 1, 2021. Requires Oregon Homeland Security Council to provide progress report to Legislative Assembly. Directs Oregon Business Development Department to establish Oregon Resiliency Partnership. Limits civil liability in certain circumstances. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

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the extent to which each entity is able to provide personal protective equipment to personnel. Directs Oregon Homeland Security Council in consultation with Oregon Health Authority and other state agencies to develop a comprehensive list of essential equipment, materials, supplies, distribution channels and manufacturing capabilities for stockpile, which must include personal protective equipment, communicable disease testing equipment, and all hazards emergency surge supplies, and determine statewide standard of availability by no later than September 30, 2021. Requires Oregon Homeland Security Council to provide progress report to Legislative Assembly. Directs Oregon Business Development Department to establish Oregon Resiliency Partnership. Limits civil liability in certain circumstances. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

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BACKGROUND:

Pre-COVID, Oregon's stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE) was primarily acquired from the federal government and dates back to the 2009 H1N1 outbreak. The stockpile management has been based on the national procedures for storage and distribution, with guidance from the the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control. During the COVID pandemic, the Oregon Health Authority took the lead on prioritizing and authorizing PPE distribution, with the Oregon Military Department and Department of Administrative Services working on distribution logistics. Oregon's PPE supply target was created to meet the federal 60-day standard.

House Bill 2461 directs the Oregon Business Development Department to create the Oregon Critical Disaster Preparedness Stockpile to ensure a robust stock of emergency supplies and equipment, and to establish the Oregon Resiliency Partnership. The bill also directs state agencies to develop a comprehensive list of essential equipment, materials, supplies, distribution channels and manufacturing capabilities for stockpile, with the Oregon Homeland Security Council providing a progress report to Legislative Assembly.