

SB 103 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Meeting Dates: 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Transfers duties, functions, and powers relating to animal emergency operations plans from Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to State Department of Agriculture (ODA). Directs ODA , OEM, and Department of Human Services (DHS) to work together develop emergency operations plans for animals and livestock during a major disaster or an emergency. Makes provisions of Act operative on July 1, 2022 and authorizes OEM, ODA, and DHS to take any action before operative date necessary to carry out transfer.

Senate Votes: Ayes, 29; Nays, 1--Heard.

REVENUE: No revenue impacts

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) combines a number of documents into a single plan. In the plan, four mission areas address the core functions of emergency management at the state level. Volume III of the CEMP is the Oregon Emergency Operations Plan, which consists of a plan body and a number of components, including emergency support functions (ESFs). ESF 17 - Agriculture and Animal Protection - describes how the state will coordinate its response for animal and agricultural issues and protection of the state's natural resources in case of an emergency or disaster. These functions include conducting animal and plant disease response and pest surveillance, ensuring that animal/veterinary/wildlife issues during a disaster are supported, and protecting the state's natural resources from the impacts of a disaster.

Senate Bill 103 would transfer the duties, functions, and powers of the Office of Emergency Management related to animal emergency operations plans to the Department of Agriculture.