

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2927

Relating to emergency management

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

HB 2927 re-shapes Oregon's Emergency Management structure. It renames the Office of Emergency Management as the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, and creates this new department effective July 1, 2022. It creates a Task Force on Implementation to evaluate whether or not the Office of the State Fire Marshal should be its own department, with recommendations due to the Legislature by February 1st, 2022. It places the Oregon Homeland Security Council in the Governor's Office, and establishes a Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council to provide advice and recommendations to the new Department of Emergency Management on its emergency preparedness and response functions.

The Subcommittee approved \$4.4 million General Fund, \$5 million Other Funds, and thirteen new positions for the Oregon Military Department and the Office of Emergency Management to separate into two agencies by July 1st of next year. The Subcommittee also approved \$237,161 and one position for the Governor's Office, and a \$1.8 million special purpose appropriation in the Emergency Fund for the Department of State Police to access if the Task Force on Implementation recommends that the Office of the State Fire Marshal be a stand-alone agency.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 2927 be amended by the –A15 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.