

HB 2883 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

Action Date: 04/08/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-0-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Meek, Wallan, Wright

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/18, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Public Places Are Safe Places Investment Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for implementation of strategies to identify and develop staging areas for emergency response. Creates advisory committee within OEM to provide expenditure advice and recommendations. Requires advisory committee to consist of Oregon Emergency Response System Council and members representing special districts, park and recreation entities, Port of Portland, tribal interests, Portland metropolitan area, coastal areas, Willamette Valley, and interests of Oregonians who are Black, Indigenous or other people of color.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Port of Portland's request to be included on advisory committee
- Port's ability to respond to a disaster

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Staging areas are temporary sites where personnel, equipment, and supplies are maintained pending assignment and distribution after a disaster. Oregon's Emergency Coordination Center is responsible for mobilizing staging areas in consultation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Logistics Chief. When identifying staging areas, 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 A creates the Oregon Public Places Are Safe Places Investment Fund and a corresponding advisory body within the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to support ongoing development of disaster response staging areas.