

SB 103 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Wright

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

Action Date: 05/18/21

Action: Do Pass.

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: 5/6, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Transfers duties, functions, and powers relating to animal emergency operations plans from Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Directs ODA , OEM, and Department of Human Services (DHS) to collaborate on emergency operations plans for animals and livestock. Operative July 1, 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- OEM's support of measure
- ODA role during emergencies
- Recent examples of animal and livestock evacuations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (Plan) combines a number of documents, including designated emergency support functions or ESFs. ESF 17, "Agriculture and Animal Protection," describes animal and agricultural response issues. Functions include conducting animal and plant disease response, 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 transfers duties, functions, and powers related to animals in an emergency, from Office of Emergency Management to the Oregon Department of Agriculture.