House Bill 2895

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to establish program to create Oregon Critical Emergency Preparedness Stockpile to ensure robust stock of emergency supplies and equipment. Directs Oregon Homeland Security Council, in consultation with Oregon Health Authority and relevant state agencies, to develop list of essential equipment, materials, supplies, distribution channels and manufacturing capabilities for stockpile, including personal protective equipment, communicable disease testing equipment and all-hazards emergency surge supplies. Requires council to report to Legislative Assembly. Directs department to establish and administer Oregon Emergency Partnership in consultation with other entities.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to critical emergency preparedness; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall establish by rule a program to create the Oregon Critical Emergency Preparedness Stockpile.

(2) The purpose of the program is to ensure that Oregonians have access to a robust stock of supplies and equipment for use in an emergency, including personal protective equipment and raw materials for the sustained manufacture thereof, communicable disease testing equipment and all-hazards emergency surge supplies, that can be deployed on a regional basis.

(3) The program shall be administered by the department in cooperation with county emergency management agencies and the Office of Emergency Management.

SECTION 2. (1) No later than September 15, 2021, the Oregon Homeland Security Council shall, in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority and other relevant state agencies:

(a) Develop a comprehensive list of essential equipment, materials, supplies, distribution channels and manufacturing capabilities necessary to accomplish the purpose of the Oregon Critical Emergency Preparedness Stockpile described in section 1 of this 2021 Act;

(b) Determine a statewide standard of availability, sufficient to adequately protect public health and safety, for each article of personal protective equipment and each element of communicable disease testing equipment on the list;

(c) Establish metrics and processes for real-time, transparent reporting of materials, supplies, distribution channels and manufacturing capabilities for each type of equipment or supply on the list that the council deems to be critical in an emergency; and

(d) Obtain from hospitals, long-term care facilities, provider groups and health care organizations information on the extent to which each entity is able to provide personal protective equipment to personnel who are in contact with patients, including usage rates of personal protective equipment.

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(2) Entities described in subsection (1)(d) of this section shall report the information to the council as expeditiously as practicable in accordance with timelines and parameters established by the council.

(3) The list must, at a minimum, include personal protective equipment and raw materials for the sustained manufacture thereof, communicable disease testing equipment and all-hazards emergency surge supplies.

SECTION 3. The Oregon Homeland Security Council shall provide, no later than September 15, 2021, to a standing or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to emergency preparedness a report on the progress made and actions taken pursuant to section 2 of this 2021 Act, including an implementation strategy for achieving the robust stock of supplies and equipment described in section 1 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 4. Following the development of the list by the Oregon Homeland Security Council under section 2 of this 2021 Act, the Oregon Business Development Department shall, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Management, the Oregon Homeland Security Council, the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, adopt rules to:

(1) Implement and achieve as expeditiously as practicable the program and objectives described in section 1 of this 2021 Act, including, without limitation:
   (a) Establishment of a rotation schedule for supplies, equipment and materials in the Oregon Critical Emergency Preparedness Stockpile; and
   (b) Establishment of quality standards for elements of the Oregon Critical Emergency Preparedness Stockpile, utilizing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health organizations; and

(2) Establish and administer the Oregon Emergency Partnership as provided under section 5 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 5. (1) The Oregon Emergency Partnership established pursuant to section 4 of this 2021 Act shall provide to any eligible and participating business:
   (a) Guaranteed purchase contracts with the State of Oregon for supplies or equipment included on the list described in section 2 of this 2021 Act;
   (b) Economic incentives to encourage participation in the partnership; and
   (c) Technical assistance to navigate requirements under local, state or federal law.

(2) Each business that participates in the partnership must demonstrate to the Oregon Business Development Department on an annual basis that:
   (a) The business has the capacity to manufacture supplies or equipment included on the list described in section 2 of this 2021 Act, including access to all the necessary equipment, materials, tools, supplies and training needed to sustain manufacturing during emergency surge events; and
   (b) The business has existing contractual relationships sufficient to enable the business to expand production of one or more types of supplies or equipment included on the list described in section 2 of this 2021 Act during a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

SECTION 6. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.