House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Management

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Homeland Security Council

 Transfers Oregon Homeland Security Council to Oregon Department of Emergency Management

• Amendment: Changing the chair and vicechair of the Council, so that the Governor remains chair and OEM Director remains vieehair.

Oregon Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund

 Transfers the Oregon Pre -Disaster Mitigation Fund to the Department of Emergency Management

Emergency Incident Training

- All elected officials in this state, all administrative heads of state agencies and all persons in the management service of state government shall complete introductory courses offered or approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on incident command and the National Incident Management System. All officials of a local government, who have or could reasonably be expected to have emergency or disaster response responsibility shall complete education on emergency response as recommended by the emergency program manager.
- Amendment: Create, fill, and utilize at least six positions to provide support. If it is the opinion of the drafter that a timeline be included to re evaluate staffing needs, the committee is open to a suggestion on doing so.

Emergency Response Exercise

 Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall develop and administer a program for periodic emergency response exercises.

 Amendment: Pull back on the requirement for quarterly tabletop exercises at the county level. Change the "once per quarter" tabletop exercise requirement to a "once per year" tabletop exercise requirement, and to specify that if there is an EOC activation during the year that activation fulfills the requirement for an annual tabletop exercise.

Oregon Critical Disaster Preparedness Stockpile

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.

 Amendment: In order to make this section more attainable and inclusive we changed the date to no later than September 30, 2023- also, in section 7(1) after "Council" insert ", in consultation with the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council and other stakeholders.

Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council

Adds language when making appointments to the Council, the Governor shall, to the extent
possible, ensure that for each federal emergency support function, there is at least one
member of the council with experience or knowledge relating to that function

 Amendment: Add language that the Governor will strive to appoint individuals of various ethnic, linguistic, socio economic and operational backgrounds to ensure a lens of equity and inclusivity in Council discussions.

Emergency Powers Relating to Commercial Drivers Licenses

 Authorizes Governor and Department of Transportation to issue and extend commercial driver licenses in certain emergency circumstances.

 Amendment: Add language to add reference to commercial learner permits, and to define "commercial motor vehicle", to specify that driving privileges granted under the section are still subject to suspension and revocation the same as other driving privileges.

Septic System Assistance (-2 Amendment)

 Adds: When providing financial assistance related to onsite septic systems pursuant to section 114, chapter 669, Oregon Laws 2021, the Department of Environmental Quality shall prioritize recipients that were affected by the 2020 wildfires.