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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 19, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2581

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I write to explain my “Nay” vote on HB 2581

I am generally supportive of expanding the duties of the State Resilience Officer to include all of the other natural disasters listed in this bill.

However, I think the language in HB 2581 is too broad regarding what is meant by a manmade event.

The Staff Measure Summary for HB2581 INTRO (House) on OLIS, includes references to “disaster declarations” such as the “Covid-19 pandemic” and “emergencies” such as “the fentanyl crisis”. We also often hear climate change referred to as a manmade event. If these type of disasters and emergencies are included in the scope of the duties of the State Resilience Officer, then the legislation is too broad.

I urge the Senators to tighten up and clarify the language on this bill regarding what manmade events are included in the State Resilience Officer’s statutory responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Ed Diehl
Representative
House District 17