

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2886

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Measure Description:

Directs Office of Emergency Management to develop and implement strategy to construct infrastructure in appropriate public places to serve as staging areas for response to and recovery from large-scale emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

The measure directs the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), within the Oregon Military Department, to adopt rules and implement a strategy to identify appropriate public places to serve as staging areas for large-scale emergency response and recovery.

The measure establishes the Oregon Public Places Are Safe Places Investment Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, credits interest earned back to the fund, and continuously appropriates monies in the fund to OEM. The fund shall include monies appropriated or provided by the Legislative Assembly, or from gifts, grants or contributions received by the Department for the purposes of the fund.

The amount of monies that may be deposited into the fund are indeterminate. If grants or other sources of funds were deposited into the fund, the Department would need to return to the legislature for limitation authority.

If funds were available, and limitation authority provided, the Department estimates the need for two full-time positions to implement the program, an Accountant position to provide financial assistance and a Program Analyst position to implement the program. Total cost of the positions for a full biennium is estimated to be approximately \$339,504.

The measure does not specify that monies in the fund could be used for administration of the program, so the costs of the position would need to come from another source. The Department notes that Emergency Management Performance Grant monies could be used, which is a 50-50 split between General Fund and Federal Fund, but that would reduce the amount of funding passed on to local and tribal governments.