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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (at the request of Representative Paul Evans)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2205

- In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert "; and declaring an emergency".
- 3 Delete lines 4 through 7 and insert:
- 4 "SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:
- 5 "(a) 'Emergency' has the meaning given that term in ORS 401.025.
- 6 "(b) 'Maintain' means to repair, perform upkeep on and otherwise 7 keep in good working condition.
- 8 "(c) 'Preparedness equipment' means equipment, vehicles or other 9 personal property that:
- 10 "(A) May be used to decrease the risk to life and property resulting 11 from an emergency; and
- 12 "(B) Qualifies as a capital asset eligible for financing with tax-13 exempt bonds.
- 14 "(d) 'Qualified applicant' means an entity that owns or operates a 15 public airport.
- "(e) 'Recipient' means an entity that applies for and receives
 preparedness equipment, or funds to purchase preparedness equipment, under the grant program described in subsection (3) of this
 section.
- "(f) "Tax-exempt bond' means a bond, as defined in ORS 286A.001, the receipt of interest on which is excluded from gross income under

- the Internal Revenue Code or that is eligible for a federal interest subsidy payment or other tax-advantaged status.
- "(2)(a) Before December 31, 2019, the State Aviation Board, in consultation with the State Resilience Officer, shall develop a list of preparedness equipment that is needed throughout this state to address deficiencies in the ability of the state to respond to local and regional emergencies.
- "(b) In developing the list, the board shall consult and coordinate with the Oregon Department of Aviation, managers of public airports and county, city and tribal emergency managers.
 - "(c) The board shall assign a priority level to each type of preparedness equipment on the list, taking into consideration, without limitation, the types of emergency that are most likely to occur in different regions of this state and the types of preparedness equipment that offer the highest ratio of utility to cost. The board shall periodically update and revise the list.
 - "(3) The department shall develop and administer a grant program to distribute preparedness equipment, or funds to purchase preparedness equipment, to recipients throughout this state. Pursuant to the grant program:
 - "(a) Qualified applicants may request preparedness equipment that is identified on the list described in subsection (2) of this section. Applicants must demonstrate a need for the specific preparedness equipment requested, the ability to maintain the preparedness equipment and the ability to use the preparedness equipment to address deficiencies in local or regional emergency preparedness.
- "(b) The department shall identify which requests from applicants, if fulfilled, will maximize the state's ability to respond to an emergency, taking into account considerations that include but are not limited to:

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- "(A) The level of priority assigned to the requested preparedness 1 equipment type pursuant to subsection (2) of this section; 2
- "(B) The level of need for the requested preparedness equipment as 3 demonstrated by the applicant; 4
- "(C) The ability to use and maintain the preparedness equipment 5 as demonstrated by the applicant; 6
- "(D) The types of emergency most likely to occur in the region 7 where the airport owned or operated by the applicant is located; and
- "(E) Whether the applicant has an alternative means of acquiring 9 the requested preparedness equipment. 10
 - "(c) The department shall issue grants to applicants identified under paragraph (b) of this subsection after entering into grant agreements with the applicants as provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection. The department may either purchase the requested preparedness equipment for distribution to a recipient or disburse funds to the recipient for the purchase of the requested preparedness equipment.
 - "(d) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to the acquisition of preparedness equipment by the department or by a recipient pursuant to this section. When acquiring preparedness equipment pursuant to this section, the department and recipients shall use procurement methods that are impartial and transparent to the greatest extent feasible and are designed to maximize value to the State of Oregon.
 - "(e) The department may not disburse preparedness equipment or funds under this section unless the department and the intended recipient first enter into a grant agreement. The grant agreement:
- "(A) Shall require the recipient to maintain the preparedness 28 equipment. 29
 - "(B) Shall provide that, if a recipient fails to adequately maintain

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- preparedness equipment, the recipient must relinquish possession of the preparedness equipment or reimburse the department for the cost of the preparedness equipment.
- "(C) Shall specify that the department may conduct periodic inspections of the preparedness equipment as described in paragraph (f) of this subsection.
- "(D) Shall specify that preparedness equipment distributed to the recipient remains the property of the department until it is fully depreciated under governmental accounting principles, after which the department may offer the preparedness equipment for sale to the recipient at its fair market value at the time of sale.
 - "(E) May permit the recipient to use the preparedness equipment for any purpose, governmental or otherwise, that is permissible for assets financed with tax-exempt bonds, including nonemergency purposes.
 - "(F) Shall require the recipient to take action or refrain from action as necessary to maintain federal tax benefits related to any tax-exempt bonds that are used to fund the grant and to indemnify the State of Oregon for any costs, expenses or liability due to loss of such federal tax benefits caused by action or inaction of the recipient.
 - "(f) The department shall conduct periodic inspections of preparedness equipment distributed or purchased through the grant program to ensure that recipients are adequately maintaining the preparedness equipment. If the department finds that any preparedness equipment is not adequately maintained, the department may take possession of the preparedness equipment or require the recipient to reimburse the department for the cost of the preparedness equipment.
- 29 "(g) The department may transfer between recipients, dispose of or 30 otherwise manage the preparedness equipment as it determines is in

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- the best interests of meeting the emergency preparedness needs of the State of Oregon. If the department disposes of preparedness equipment for any reason, including sale to a recipient as provided in paragraph (e)(D) of this subsection, the department shall deposit any moneys it
- 5 receives from the disposal in the Aviation Resiliency Grant Fund es-
- 6 tablished under section 2 of this 2019 Act.

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- "(4) On or before December 31 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the Legislative Assembly and to the board that describes the administration and effectiveness of the grant program established under this section and the current prioritized list of preparedness equipment types.
 - "(5) The department shall adopt rules to administer and implement the provisions of this section.
 - "SECTION 2. The Aviation Resiliency Grant Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Aviation Resiliency Grant Fund must be credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys deposited in the fund under section 1 of this 2019 Act and may include moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the fund. The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Aviation for the purposes specified in section 1 of this 2019 Act.
 - "SECTION 3. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any authorization to issue general obligation bonds under ORS 286A.035, in the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, at the request of the Office of Emergency Management, the State Treasurer may issue Article XI-Q bonds under ORS 286A.816 to 286A.826 in an amount that produces \$15 million of net proceeds for the purpose specified in subsection (2) of this section, plus an amount estimated by the State Treasurer to pay bond-related costs.

"(2) Net proceeds of bonds issued under this section must be transferred to the Office of Emergency Management for deposit in the Resiliency Grant Fund established under ORS 401.552.

"SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage."

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