

HB 2990 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines terms. Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop and implement a grant program to provide support for resilience hubs and networks in Oregon by awarding: 1) planning grants for expenses related to planning and organizing resilience hubs and networks; and 2) implementation grants to support and expand development and operation of resilience hubs and networks. Establishes grant application requirements for individuals or organizations applying for grants. Requires OHA to execute grant agreements with grant recipients obligating recipients to use grant moneys for purposes specified by OHA. Requires OHA to determine the permissible purposes for a grant based on the needs of the resilience hub or network and the locality in which it operates. Requires OHA to adopt rules, including specifying the form and contents of an application for a grant. Appropriates \$___ from the General Fund to OHA to provide grants to provide support for resilience hubs and networks in Oregon.

- FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued
- REVENUE: No revenue impact

Subsequent Referral to Joint Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Appropriate agency to support resilience hubs and network
- Wildfire response needs
- Local support for resilience hubs and network
- Examples of spaces to host resilience hubs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure.

Defines terms. Requires the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), in consultation with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), to provide grants, support, and technical assistance for Resilience Hubs and Networks in Oregon. Requires ODHS to award grants for Resilience Hubs and Networks related to: expenses related to planning and organizing; supporting and expanding their development and operation; and providing resources and services needed by communities to otherwise prepare for and respond to disasters. Establishes grant application criteria. Requires ODHS to execute grant agreements with grant recipients obligating recipients to use grant moneys for purposes specified in the grant agreements. Requires ODHS, in consultation with ODOE and OHA, to determine the permissible purposes for a grant based on the needs of the Resilience Hub or Network. Requires ODHS to determine the needs of the Resilience Hub or Network in consultation with the community within the locality in which the Resilience Hub or Network operates. Requires ODHS to adopt rules, including specifying the form and contents of an application for a grant. Appropriates \$___ from the General Fund to ODHS to provide grants to provide support for resilience hubs and networks in Oregon.

BACKGROUND:

Resilience hubs are designed to help local communities prepare for and respond to power outages, extreme weather events, and natural disasters. They have been created by cities, community members, and non-profit

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organizations in spaces built for the specific purpose of hosting resilience-related events—such as in redesigned shipping containers—and in existing spaces, such as in community and university libraries. The resources and services provided by resilience hubs and the networks that connect them are tailored to local needs. Some act as warming or cooling shelters during power outages, while others offer classes for community members, provide education materials in languages other than English, or conduct outreach to vulnerable populations. Examples of cities that have constructed resilience hubs in recent years include Miami, Florida, Tempe, Arizona, Baltimore, Maryland, and Portland, Oregon.

House Bill 2990 would direct the Oregon Health Authority to develop and implement a grant program to support resilience hubs and networks in Oregon.