

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of State Fire Marshal to coordinate urban search and rescue function of this state.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Department of the State Fire Marshal, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

The measure directs the Department of the State Fire Marshal (DSFM) to coordinate urban search and rescue (USAR) functions for the state. USAR functions must include coordinating activities of local, state, and federal agencies involved in USAR; establishing a liaison with public and private organizations, state agencies, and fire service providers and sheriffs; developing training and education programs; and gathering and disseminating available resource information. The measure authorizes the agency, on behalf of the State of Oregon, to solicit and accept gifts, grants, donations, and other moneys from public and private sources for urban search and rescue purposes; moneys received shall be deposited into the State Fire Marshal Fund for purposes related to USAR.

In addition, the measure requires DSFM to study the needs of the state related to USAR. The study must include an assessment of the organization structure and recommendations for funding USAR. The measure requires DSFM to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to emergency management no later than September 15, 2024 and prepare to testify findings before the appropriate committees of the Legislative Assembly during the 2024 regular session. The provisions of the measure are repealed on January 2, 2025.

The measure is effective January 1, 2024.

DSFM reports that the fiscal impact of the measure is minimal. However, DSFM also reports that the Governor’s Fire Service Policy Council is considering the need for a statewide program and contingent of the scope of the program and findings of the study, DSFM may need to return to the Legislative Emergency Board or a subsequent legislative session to request additional resources.

There is a minimal fiscal impact for cities and counties.