

HB 2990 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Action Date: 03/27/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-1-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Andersen, Helm, Kropf, Levy B, Levy E, Marsh, Osborne, Owens, Pham K

Nays: 1 - Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/22, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines "Resilience Hub" and "Resilience Network." Requires the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), 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 DHS 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 DHS to execute grant agreements with grant recipients obligating recipients to use grant moneys for purposes specified in the grant agreements. Requires DHS, 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 DHS 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 DHS to adopt rules, including specifying the form and contents of an application for a grant. Appropriates \$___ from the General Fund to DHS to provide grants to provide support for Resilience Hubs and Networks in Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Appropriate agency to support Resilience Hubs and Networks
- Wildfire response needs
- Local support for Resilience Hubs and Networks
- Examples of spaces to host Resilience Hubs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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 nonprofit 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 Networks that connect them are tailored to local needs. Some serve 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.

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