

House Bill 2848

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representative LEWIS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon Department of Emergency Management to establish liaison to each county to foster development of county-level organizations or networks to address emergency prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Sunsets January 2, 2026.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to community organizations active in disaster; and declaring an emergency.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "COAD" or "community organization active in**
4 **disaster" means an organization or network of organizations that is prepared to address**
5 **emergency prevention, preparedness, response and recovery at a local level.**

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7 **(2) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall develop and implement a**
8 **program to foster the development of county-level COADs in Oregon by assigning employees**
9 **of the department to serve as establishing COAD liaisons for Oregon counties. The depart-**
10 **ment shall assign one full-time equivalent employee as COAD liaison for each county.**

11 **(3) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that COAD liaisons will support the de-**
12 **velopment of county COADs into independent, self-sustaining organizations that are capable**
13 **of operating without the involvement of a COAD liaison.**

14 **(4) COAD liaisons, subject to the direction of the department, shall:**

15 **(a) In counties that do not have existing county COADs, coordinate the formation of**
16 **county COADs by providing structure, guidance and a forum for communication;**

17 **(b) In counties that have existing county COADs, support and strengthen coordination**
18 **between components of the COAD;**

19 **(c) Provide technical assistance for the establishment or maintenance of a county COAD;**

20 **(d) Build collaborative relationships with local organizations and businesses and encour-**
21 **age their participation in a county COAD;**

22 **(e) Build relationships with local government partners and related associations;**

23 **(f) Address needs of nongovernmental and voluntary organizations and their clients to**
24 **improve service delivery;**

25 **(g) Support coordination of receipt and delivery of donated resources;**

26 **(h) Provide support and guidance to long-term recovery groups operating within the**
27 **county, and support the formation of such a group if none is operating;**

28 **(i) Support COAD liaisons in other counties through a mutual aid system; and**

29 **(j) Foster communication, relationships and coordination between a county COAD and**
30 **the emergency management agency of the county and long-term recovery groups operating**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 in the county.

2 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

3 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
4 ated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July
5 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$___ for the purpose of carrying out the
6 provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.

7 **SECTION 4.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
8 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
9 on its passage.

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