

House Bill 2856

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (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 provide technical assistance to local entities that are active in emergency preparedness, response or recovery.

Directs department to issue grants for support of long-term recovery groups in Oregon.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to emergency preparedness; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall provide technical assistance, as described in subsection (2) of this section, to local entities, whether**
5 **public or private, that are active in emergency preparedness, response or recovery in**
6 **Oregon, including:**

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8 (a) **County, city and tribal emergency management agencies;**

9 (b) **Community organizations active in disaster;**

10 (c) **Long-term recovery groups; and**

11 (d) **Disaster mitigation and recovery managers.**

12 (2) **Technical assistance provided under this section may include, without limitation, as-**
13 **sistance with:**

14 (a) **Fundraising or grant writing;**

15 (b) **Incorporation or other organization;**

16 (c) **Navigating political relationships;**

17 (d) **Interacting with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including ensuring**
18 **proper form and content of paperwork submitted to the agency;**

19 (e) **Culturally specific outreach; and**

20 (f) **Branding.**

21 (3) **The department may contract with third parties to carry out its duties under this**
22 **section.**

23 (4) **The department shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.**

24 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
25 **ated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July**
26 **1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$___ to carry out its duties under section 1**
27 **of this 2023 Act.**

28 **SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, "long-term recovery group" means a cooperative**
29 **organization comprising representatives of nonprofit, governmental, business and faith-based**
30 **entities that works within a local community to prepare for, build resilience against and re-**

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 cover from emergencies by performing functions including any of the following:

2 (a) Providing local coordination of federal or state support;

3 (b) Serving as a primary local disaster recovery organization;

4 (c) Assessing local needs following disaster and determining locally informed plans for
5 action;

6 (d) Facilitating communication with local communities, including vulnerable populations;

7 (e) Leveraging philanthropic and other private funding and coordinating with
8 philanthropic entities;

9 (f) Facilitating disaster case management, including providing a central hub for allocating
10 resources for unmet needs; and

11 (g) Providing emergency-related services and supports to the local community.

12 (2) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall identify existing long-term
13 recovery groups in Oregon and provide grants for their support. The department shall exe-
14 cute grant agreements with grant recipients obligating recipients to use grant moneys for
15 purposes specified by the department. The department shall determine the permissible pur-
16 poses for a grant under this section based on the needs of the long-term recovery group and
17 the locality in which it operates.

18 (3) The department shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.

19 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
20 ated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July
21 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$___ to carry out its duties under section 3
22 of this 2023 Act.

23 **SECTION 5.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
25 on its passage.

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