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House Bill 2990

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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.

Directs [*Oregon Health Authority*] **Department of Human Services** to [*develop and implement grant program to support*] **provide grants, support and technical assistance for** resilience hubs and networks in Oregon.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to community resilience.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Resilience Hub” means a physical facility that is operated, managed or supported by**
6 **one or more local residents, local governments, tribal governments, public schools,**
7 **community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, nonprofit organizations or non-**
8 **governmental organizations and that:**

9 (A) **Supports the needs of community members or tribal communities, facilitates gath-**
10 **ering and communication, distributes resources and otherwise enhances quality of life within**
11 **a community;**

12 (B) **Serves as a central point for gathering, information sharing, and coordination in re-**
13 **sponse to a disruption in the community;**

14 (C) **Enhances the ability of a community to respond to and recover from a disruption in**
15 **a community;**

16 (D) **Is positioned, operated and resourced on a day-to-day basis to provide community**
17 **resources, including but not limited to food, water, information exchange, electronic charg-**
18 **ing stations, basic medical supplies and equipment proportionate to the size of the**
19 **community’s population and needs;**

20 (E) **Supports community cache sites and other support for community members who**
21 **shelter in place;**

22 (F) **Can provide child care, training, food distribution and other services that can help a**
23 **community respond to unmet social needs to prepare for, respond to and recover from dis-**
24 **asters;**

25 (G) **Can provide, or can be retrofitted to provide, heating, cooling, air filtration and**
26 **weather protection; and**

27 (H) **Accommodates individuals with accessibility needs.**

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 (b) “Resilience Network” means an association of facilities, organizations, resource pro-
2 viders or service providers outside of a physical Resilience Hub facility that collectively serve
3 the purposes of a Resilience Hub.

4 (2) The Department of Human Services shall, in consultation with the State Department
5 of Energy and the Oregon Health Authority, provide grants, support and technical assistance
6 for Resilience Hubs and Networks in Oregon. The Department of Human Services shall
7 award:

8 (a) Grants for expenses related to planning and organizing Resilience Hubs and Networks;

9 (b) Grants to support and expand development and operation of Resilience Hubs and
10 Networks to ensure that physical facilities can provide protection from extreme weather, can
11 maintain power and climate during power outages, have auxiliary communications capabili-
12 ties and are resilient following earthquakes, fires, tornadoes, floods, other extreme weather
13 events and other potential disasters, emergencies or incidents; and

14 (c) Grants for resources and services needed by communities to otherwise prepare for
15 and respond to disasters.

16 (3) Individuals or organizations may apply for grants by submitting an application that
17 must include:

18 (a) A description of the purposes for which grant moneys will be expended;

19 (b) A plan for implementing specific strategies to build resilience in a community;

20 (c) A description of additional resources available for purposes of the Resilience Hub or
21 Network;

22 (d) A description of the project’s ability to serve vulnerable populations and communities
23 traditionally underrepresented in the public process, including communities of color, com-
24 munities experiencing lower incomes, tribal communities, rural communities, coastal com-
25 munities, communities with limited infrastructure, seniors, youth and persons with
26 disabilities; and

27 (e) Any other information required by the department.

28 (4) The department shall execute grant agreements with grant recipients obligating re-
29 cipients to use grant moneys for purposes specified in the grant agreements. The depart-
30 ment, in consultation with the State Department of Energy and the Oregon Health
31 Authority, shall determine the permissible purposes for a grant under this section based on
32 the needs of the Resilience Hub or Network. The department shall determine the needs of
33 the Resilience Hub or Network in consultation with the community, including populations
34 described in subsection (3)(d) of this section, within the locality in which the Resilience Hub
35 or Network operates.

36 (5) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules necessary for the administration
37 of this section, including specifying the form and contents of an application for a grant under
38 this section.

39 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
40 ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of
41 the General Fund, the amount of \$____ to provide grants under section 1 of this 2023 Act.