

Senate Bill 962

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

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 develop and implement grant program to distribute moneys to certain counties to fund emergency preparedness coordinators.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to county emergency management.

2 Whereas it is critical for communities to prepare for disasters and other emergencies, including
3 a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami; and

4 Whereas statewide emergency preparedness is dependent on local preparedness; now, therefore,

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

6 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall, by rule, de-**
7 **velop and implement a grant program to distribute moneys to eligible counties to fund**
8 **emergency preparedness coordinators at the county level.**

9 (2) A county is eligible for a grant under the program if:

10 (a) The emergency management agency of the county is funded by federal moneys dis-
11 tributed through the Emergency Management Performance Grant administered by the Fed-
12 eral Emergency Management Agency; and

13 (b) No city within the county has established an emergency management agency.

14 (3) The department shall prescribe the process for eligible counties to apply for a grant
15 under this section, including application timelines and the form and contents of an applica-
16 tion.

17 (4) The department shall award grants to selected applicants in an amount sufficient to
18 fund a county emergency preparedness coordinator for one biennium. In selecting counties
19 to be awarded grants under this section, the department shall seek to maximize the overall
20 emergency preparedness of this state, with consideration given to geographic differences in
21 types and severity of potential emergencies.

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

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