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Bill Title: Relating to county emergency management.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Counties, Department of Emergency Management, Legislative Revenue Office

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Emergency Management	\$ 2,380,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,380,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 2,380,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,380,000	-	-

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Measure Description

The measure makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2.4 million to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for implementation of a grant program to distribute moneys to eligible counties to fund emergency preparedness coordinators. The measure specifies the eligibility for the grant to seven counties: Clatsop, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln, or Tillamook and that the county must receive federal funding through the Emergency Management Performance Grant administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Awards are to be distributed in an amount sufficient to fund a county emergency preparedness coordinator for one biennium.

The measure also directs the existing Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (EPAC) to convene a committee on County Emergency Management. The committee must consist of no more than half the members of the council and the committee must study and make recommendations regarding the capacity of counties in Oregon to prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies, with assistance from the Legislative Revenue Officer to carry out revenue projections. The committee must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly in relation to emergency management by December 31, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$2.4 million General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

Oregon Department of Emergency Management

The fiscal impact for ODEM is \$2.4 million General Fund for the 2025-27 biennium. ODEM has reported that for the Department to establish the grant program, distribute the seven grant payments, and additional committee

support as required by the measure, would require 11 additional permanent part-time support positions (3.28 FTE). This includes portions of budget and accounting, human resources and information technology positions, among others, totaling \$1,963,977 in personal services costs and another \$189,873 in related services and supplies. Assuming the administrative costs reported by ODEM to establish the grant program and provide additional support to the EPAC, were funded through the measure's appropriation, the amount left for grants to the seven eligible counties would only be \$226,150.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes the level of administrative support costs reported by ODEM are not consistent with other grant programs administered by the Department or other similar agencies and is requesting further information from ODEM. If additional information is received, LFO may issue a revised fiscal impact statement.

Other Entities

There is a minimal fiscal impact for counties and the Legislative Revenue Office.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.

The provisions of the measure requiring a Committee on County Emergency Management and the reporting requirement is repealed on January 2, 2027.