

**SB 823 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure allows the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to purchase or contract for any materials, supplies, or equipment, including motor vehicles, which the Department deems necessary to carry out its duties.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management's (OEM) functions are defined in [Chapter 401](#) of the Oregon Revised Statutes. OEM coordinates and maintains a statewide emergency services system for emergency and disaster communications, with OEM supporting coordination and communication for incidents affecting multiple jurisdictions. The Department plans and prepares for, and engages in mitigation and recovery efforts from, a full spectrum of hazard events. OEM was originally part of the Oregon Military Department, but became a stand-alone department in 2022 after the passage of [House Bill 2927 \(2021\)](#).

Senate Bill 823 would allow OEM to purchase or contract for materials, supplies, or equipment deemed necessary to carry out its duties.