

SB 234 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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Meeting Dates: 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to study emergency management, and to submit a report to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to emergency management no later than September 15, 2026. These provisions are repealed on January 2, 2027.

Fiscal impact: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment replaces the measure. It changes the date from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026, by which the Oregon Department of Emergency Management must maintain a system for the notification and interagency coordination of state resources in response to emergencies involving multiple jurisdictions.

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 234 directs OEM to study emergency management.