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**To:** Public Safety Subcommittee  
**From:** Steve Robbins, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** May 22, 2025  
**Subject:** SB 234 – Relating to emergency management  
Work Session Recommendations

When House Bill 2927 (2021) made the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) stand-alone department in 2022, ORS 401.904 was amended to direct ODEM to maintain a system for the notification and interagency coordination of state resources in response to multijurisdictional emergencies and to adopt rules relating to the system's planning, administration, and operation. This system, currently known as the Oregon Emergency Responses System (OERS), is to be the primary point of contact by which public agencies provide the state notification of emergencies or disaster, and request state and federal resources. The effective date of those provisions was to be July 1, 2025.

Senate Bill 234 extends the timeline to July 1, 2026, that ODEM must maintain and coordinate OERS.

The transfer of OERS at the initial July 1, 2025 date is already in the agency's 2025-27 current service level budget, so the delay equates to half of the 2025-27 biennium, with a corresponding one-time decrease of \$1.5 million General Fund and a one-time reduction of 3.50 FTE that will appear in SB 5517, the agency's budget bill.

## Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 234 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION:** I move SB 234 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

## Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

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