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Bill Title: Relating to fairgrounds; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Cities, Counties, Department of Emergency Management

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Emergency Management	\$ 20,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000	2	1.76
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 20,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000	2	1.76

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Emergency Management	\$ 485,083	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 485,083	2	2.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 485,083	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 485,083	2	2.00

Measure Description

The measure provides a one-time \$20 million General Fund appropriation to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) in the 2025-27 biennium for developing and implementing a program for awarding grants to improve power, water, telecommunications, and sewer infrastructure of fairgrounds that are used as emergency evacuation sites by local governments.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$20 million General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium and \$485,083 General Fund in the 2027-29 biennium.

Oregon Department of Emergency Management

The fiscal impact for ODEM is \$20 million General Fund for the 2025-27 biennium, which includes \$432,678 General Fund for ODEM’s programmatic expenses for developing and implementing the grant program required by the measure. The programmatic expenses include two positions: a permanent full-time Program Analyst 3 (0.88 FTE in 2025-27 and 1.00 FTE in 2027-29) to develop and manage the new grant program and one permanent full-time Administrative Specialist 2 (0.88 FTE in 2025-27 and 1.00 FTE in 2027-29) to provide administrative support to the program. While the funding provided in the measure is one-time, positions would need to extend beyond the 2025-27 biennium to track progress of projects funded by the grants.

In addition to the direct programmatic expenses, ODEM reports the need for six additional permanent part-time support positions (1.47 FTE). This includes portions of budget and accounting, human resources and information technology positions, among others, totaling \$1.3 million General Fund in personal services costs. Assuming the

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administrative costs reported by ODEM to establish the grant program were funded through the measure’s appropriation, the amount left to be awarded as grants for fairground improvements would be \$18.1 million.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes the need for the two permanent full-time positions is appropriate and in line with fiscal impacts issued for similar legislation in prior sessions. The additional level of administrative support costs reported by ODEM are not consistent with other grant programs administered by the Department or other similar agencies and LFO is requesting further information from ODEM. If additional information is received, a revised fiscal impact statement may be issued.

Other Entities

There is no fiscal impact to cities or counties.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.

The provision related to the grant program is repealed on January 2, 2029.