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Bill Title: Relating to security for nonprofit organizations; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Emergency Management

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) to create a grant program, under the name of the Oregon Nonprofit Security Grant Program, for security enhancements to eligible facilities or to enhance security at events or gatherings sponsored by eligible applicants. Grants under the program are to not exceed \$150,000 per grant applicant. ODEM must rank applications on available money and the eligible applicant/facility's level or risk being subject to a bias crime and whether an eligible applicant/facility has previously been subject to a bias crime.

The measure also creates the Oregon Nonprofit Security Grant Program Fund within the State Treasury to be separate and distinct from the General Fund. The fund will consist of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited, or transferred by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and the moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to ODEM to carry out the acts of the grant program. ODEM may expend up to 5% of the fund for administration of the grant program.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is indeterminate and dependent on the level of funding provided for the grant program and the number of grant applications received.

ODEM currently administers a federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) which is applied for through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The purpose is to provide funding support to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack. Under the federal NSGP, ODEM is allowed to provide a grant up to \$200,000 per site and \$600,000 per nonprofit across multiple sites to approved applicants.

Under this measure, ODEM would create and award grants as a state funded NSGP and allow applicants to receive up to \$150,000 per grant awarded. It is uncertain if an individual can apply to and receive both the federal and state NSGP grant at the same time or if they must choose one over the other. ODEM reported receiving 110 applications submitted in 2023 for the federal grant, of which 27 were funded. Assuming similar interest and applications approved at the maximum grant award, \$4.1 million General Fund would be needed in the 2025-27 biennium for the grant program.

ODEM also reports the need of one permanent full-time program analyst 4 position (0.75 FTE in 2025-27 and 1.00 FTE in 2027-29) to develop policies and guidance for the grant program and program operations. The estimated cost of this position, including standard position-related services and supplies costs, is \$233,530 in the

2025-27 biennium and \$302,965 in the 2027-29 biennium. These costs will be deducted from any amount appropriated for the grant program, leaving the remainder to be awarded as grants.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.