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Bill Title: Relating to solar events.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Emergency Management

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Cost 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 study the potential effects of a solar event on the well-being of the state’s population. ODEM may consult with other entities, state agencies, and academic institutions to carry out the study. ODEM is required to submit a report to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to emergency management by September 15, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is indeterminate and dependent on the ability to find a contractor to assist with the study and the price to conduct the study.

ODEM does not have the technical or scientific knowledge to be able to conduct this study and would need to contract with an external entity to fulfill the requirements of this measure. The department has not previously studied this information nor have contracted for similar information. ODEM would have to work with the Department of Administrative Services Procurement to open a contract for bid for completion of this study.

According to ODEM, after doing a search through National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Department of Energy information, an estimate for a contractor to do this work would be around \$620,000 General Fund for the 2025-27 biennium. The exact amount of the contract will depend on the number of interested contractors and the final bid amount for the contract.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.

The provision of the measure is repealed on January 2, 2027.