HB 3328 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Skarlatos

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Action Date:	04/01/25
Action:	Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote:	6-0-1-0
Yeas:	6 - Boice, Grayber, Lewis, Skarlatos, Tran, Watanabe
Exc:	1 - Evans
Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	Has minimal revenue impact
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Meeting Dates:	3/25, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds Grant County to the list of counties that can use money received from federal forest reserves for road and school funds to cover the cost of patrolling county roads.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Allows the county to decide on the allocation
- Concerns that Grant County has less property tax revenue to pay for public safety
- Concerns that more people are accessing rural lands and more public safety services are needed

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes the declaration of emergency, takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

BACKGROUND:

Under state law, all sums received by the state from the federal government as its share of the amounts collected for forest reserve rentals, sales of timber, and other sources from forest reserves within Oregon, must be distributed among the counties in which the forest reserves are located. State law requires that counties divide these funds, allocating 75 percent to the county's road fund and 25 percent to the school fund. Oregon Revised Statute 368.706 allows certain counties to use their road funds to support county law enforcement patrols.