

SB 231 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/02/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Robinson, Sollman, Weber

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/26, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$1,526,167 from the General Fund to the Oregon's Institute for Resilient Organization, Communities, and Environments for the purpose of establishing the Oregon Disaster Resilience Consortium to implement emergency response, continuity, and recovery initiatives at post-secondary institutions. The initiatives include developing statewide training programs, developing mutual aid agreements, developing campus-specific training and outreach materials, and the establishment of online resource sharing collaboration center for higher education emergency management. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Public emergencies affecting Oregon public universities
- Development of the program after receiving the initial funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment modifies the recipient of the HECC appropriation from the Oregon Campus Resilience Consortium, to the University of Oregon's Institute for Resilient Organization, Communities, and Environments for the purpose of establishing the Oregon Disaster Resilience Consortium.

BACKGROUND:

On [December 10, 2024](#), the Senate Interim Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs held a hearing on a concept for a [campus disaster resilience consortium](#). The concept originated from the Oregon Campus Safety Work Group established by Governor Kate Brown in 2015 in response to the mass shooting at Umpqua Community College on October 1, 2015, in which 9 died and 8 were injured.