

HB 3870 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Action Date: 04/03/25

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Boice, Grayber, Lewis, Skarlatos, Tran, Watanabe

Exc: 1 - Evans

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/27, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates general funds to the Oregon Business Development Department for disbursement to local governments and entities for purposes of public safety. Declares emergency, takes effect on July 2, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Testimony from local law enforcement and public safety personnel on the need for funding
- Examples of how rural communities raise revenue for projects and public safety operations
- Concerns about the age of certain facilities, the seismic considerations, the shortage of public safety and wildfire volunteers, and increasing call outs for fires and public safety incidents

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Business Development Department, also known as Business Oregon, administers more than 80 grant, loan, tax incentive, and other programs to further the development of businesses, communities, and economies in Oregon. Among their grant programs are seismic rehabilitation grants and special public works funding.