

HB 2753 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Action Date: 04/08/25

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

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Boice, Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Skarlatos, Tran, Watanabe

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure authorizes issuance of Article XI-Q bonds in an amount that produces \$15 million of net proceeds for the Oregon Department of Emergency Management's SPIRE grant program. It takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examples of previously funded SPIRE grant projects
- Questions whether rangeland fire protection associations could apply for SPIRE grants

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, the State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment (SPIRE) grant program provides equipment to local governments and other recipients for emergency preparedness. The program funds the purchasing and distribution of equipment, including vehicles and other property, to be used during an emergency to decrease the risk for loss of life and property damage.

House Bill 2687 (2017) established the SPIRE grant program and House Bill 2426 (2021) added Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) equipment to the list and required that USAR equipment receive the highest priority for grantmaking.