

House Bill 2136

Sponsored by Representative SCHARF (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells ODEM to run a grant program to improve fairgrounds that are used for evacuations. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.1).

Directs the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to develop and implement a program to award grants for fairgrounds used as emergency evacuation sites.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to fairgrounds; and prescribing an effective date.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Manage-**
4 **ment, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of**
5 **\$20,000,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall develop and**
7 **implement a program to award grants for improvement of fairgrounds that are used as**
8 **emergency evacuation sites.**

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10 **(2) Grants awarded under this section may be used only for the purposes of improving**
11 **fairgrounds in Oregon that are designated as emergency evacuation sites by a local govern-**
12 **ment, as defined in ORS 174.116.**

13 **(3) Grants awarded under this section must be used to construct or improve fairground**
14 **infrastructure that is essential for emergency needs, including power, water, telecommuni-**
15 **cations and sewer infrastructure.**

16 **(4) The department shall prescribe the form and process by which owners or operators**
17 **of fairgrounds may apply for and be awarded grants under the program.**

18 **(5) The department shall require recipients of grants under this section to report annu-**
19 **ally to the department on the progress of projects funded by the grants until the projects**
20 **are completed.**

21 **(6) In awarding grants under this section, the department shall seek to maximize the**
22 **overall emergency preparedness of communities that have designated a fairground as an**
23 **emergency evacuation site.**

24 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.**

25 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
26 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.