

House Bill 2760

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (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 pay back disaster response groups for their costs related to volunteers. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).

Directs the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to develop and implement a program to reimburse certain nongovernmental entities for specified costs related to volunteers.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to emergency volunteers; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall develop and**
5 **implement a program to reimburse eligible entities, as described in subsection (2) of this**
6 **section, for costs described in subsection (3) of this section, in whole or in part. The de-**
7 **partment shall pay for such reimbursements from the Disaster Volunteer Assistance Fund**
8 **created under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

9 (2) Nongovernmental entities that are responsible for disaster response and recovery
10 within a locality are eligible for reimbursement under this section. Entities that are eligible
11 under this subsection include, without limitation, community organizations active in disaster
12 and long-term recovery groups.

13 (3) The department may reimburse the following costs under this section, if the costs are
14 incurred during a disaster or in response to a disaster:

15 (a) Payments to volunteers for mileage, other transportation costs, per diem, lodging,
16 childcare and supplies; and

17 (b) Acquisition of volunteer liability coverage.

18 (4) The department shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.

19 **SECTION 2. The Disaster Volunteer Assistance Fund is established in the State Treas-**
20 **ury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Disaster Volunteer Assistance Fund**
21 **consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Leg-**
22 **islative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the**
23 **Oregon Department of Emergency Management to make reimbursement payments under**
24 **section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

25 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
26 **ated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July**
27 **1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$__ for deposit in the Disaster Volunteer**
28 **Assistance Fund created under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

29 **SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**

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.

1 ated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July
2 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$__ to carry out the provisions of section
3 1 of this 2025 Act, including program development, outreach, administration and reporting.

4 SECTION 5. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
5 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
6 on its passage.

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