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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, GENERAL GOVERNMENT, AND VETERANS (at the request of Department of Human Services)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2346**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 27 and delete pages  
2 2 through 5 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Office of Resilience and Emergency Manage-**  
4 **ment is established within the Department of Human Services.**

5 **“(2) The office shall:**

6 **“(a) Perform duties assigned to the department as described in the**  
7 **State of Oregon Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan or suc-**  
8 **cessor documents;**

9 **“(b) At the direction of the Director of Human Services, support the**  
10 **department in the delivery and administration of programs and ser-**  
11 **vices to ensure continuity of operations in the department and ensure**  
12 **ongoing access to the department’s programs and services;**

13 **“(c) In consultation with the department and other relevant enti-**  
14 **ties, develop and publish a plan for activating or mobilizing resources**  
15 **to provide mass care or other support; and**

16 **“(d) Perform other such duties as may be assigned to the office.**

17 **“(3) The department may utilize staff, equipment or other resources**  
18 **from other programs, offices or divisions to assist the Office of**  
19 **Resilience and Emergency Management in carrying out the functions**  
20 **of the office.**

21 **“(4) The office may coordinate with, contract with or provide**

1 grants, equipment, assistance or other support to public or private  
2 entities, including tribal entities, as necessary to prevent, mitigate,  
3 prepare for, respond to and recover from disruptions or as necessary  
4 for the office or its partners to carry out the duties of the office.

5 “(5) The office may adopt rules necessary to carry out its duties.

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Office of Resilience and Emergency Manage-**  
7 **ment is under the supervision and control of the Director of Resilience**  
8 **and Emergency Management, who is responsible for the performance**  
9 **of the duties, functions and powers of the office.**

10 “(2) The Director of Human Services shall appoint the Director of  
11 Resilience and Emergency Management, who holds office at the  
12 pleasure of the Director of Human Services.

13 “(3) The Director of Resilience and Emergency Management shall  
14 be paid a salary as provided by law or, if not so provided, as prescribed  
15 by the Director of Human Services, with the approval of the Governor.

16 “(4) For purposes of administration, subject to the approval of the  
17 Director of Human Services, the Director of Resilience and Emergency  
18 Management may organize and reorganize the office as the Director  
19 of Resilience and Emergency Management considers necessary to  
20 properly conduct the work of the office.

21 “(5) The Director of Resilience and Emergency Management may  
22 divide the functions of the office into administrative divisions. Subject  
23 to the approval of the Director of Human Services, the Director of  
24 Resilience and Emergency Management may appoint an individual to  
25 administer each division. The administrator of each division serves at  
26 the pleasure of the Director of Resilience and Emergency Management  
27 and is not subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 240. Each individ-  
28 ual appointed under this subsection must be well qualified by technical  
29 training and experience in the functions to be performed by the indi-  
30 vidual.

1       **“SECTION 3. (1) The Office of Resilience and Emergency Manage-**  
2 **ment may assist local governments, as defined in ORS 174.116, with**  
3 **evacuations. The office may identify, locate and support the evacu-**  
4 **ation of people, including vulnerable populations, who may need ad-**  
5 **vance notice and additional assistance in evacuation. The office may**  
6 **communicate the locations of vulnerable people and the nature of any**  
7 **special needs to first responders or other emergency response person-**  
8 **nel to assist in safe and orderly evacuations.**

9       **“(2) As used in this section, ‘vulnerable populations’ includes,**  
10 **without limitation, people who are elderly, people with disabilities or**  
11 **other medical or mental health conditions, people with limited English**  
12 **proficiency, people with durable medical equipment and people with**  
13 **hearing or sight impairments.**

14       **“SECTION 4. (1) The Office of Resilience and Emergency Manage-**  
15 **ment may provide, or assist in the provision of, mass care and human**  
16 **services as described in this section.**

17       **“(2) The office may carry out projects and functions to prevent,**  
18 **mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disruptions affect-**  
19 **ing people in this state.**

20       **“(3)(a) The office, in coordination with relevant authorities, may**  
21 **provide, or assist in providing, shelter or temporary housing for:**

22       **“(A) People in Oregon displaced from their homes;**

23       **“(B) People who arrive in Oregon seeking asylum or refugee status;**

24       **“(C) People within the repatriation program operated by the United**  
25 **States Department of Health and Human Services;**

26       **“(D) People who cannot remain in their housing due to inaccessi-**  
27 **bility, damage, poor air quality or other unsuitable environmental**  
28 **conditions or loss of utilities such as electrical, water or sewer; and**

29       **“(E) Any other people.**

30       **“(b) To provide, or assist in providing, shelter, temporary housing**

1 or transitional housing to people, the office may, without limitation:

2 “(A) Provide direct support;

3 “(B) Provide rental assistance;

4 “(C) Assist with dwelling repairs;

5 “(D) Provide manufactured housing;

6 “(E) Provide emergency group shelter sites;

7 “(F) Provide semipermanent and permanent construction;

8 “(G) Provide referrals;

9 “(H) Identify and provide accessible housing or access to other

10 sources of housing assistance; and

11 “(I) Collaborate with the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Ad-

12 vancement to provide culturally and linguistically responsive support

13 for individuals seeking asylum or refugee status.

14 “(4) The office may provide, or assist in providing, food and water,

15 including prepared meals and foodstuffs:

16 “(a) To people who are in shelter;

17 “(b) For respite services;

18 “(c) To displaced people;

19 “(d) To support operations of the Oregon Health Authority; and

20 “(e) To any people or communities served by the Department of

21 Human Services.

22 “(5) The office may provide ice, water, water vessels and related

23 equipment to people who are experiencing a shortage of potable water

24 due to drought, contamination, temporary disruption of water delivery

25 systems or other water supply disruptions.

26 “(6) The office may provide hygiene and sanitation services, in-

27 cluding, without limitation:

28 “(a) Temporary restrooms or shower facilities;

29 “(b) Laundry facilities or services;

30 “(c) Sewage or wastewater removal;

1       “(d) Trash removal; and

2       “(e) Personal hygiene kits.

3       “(7) The office may deliver emergency first aid and personal care  
4 services to people in need of such services due to a disruption.

5       “(8) The office may provide bulk distribution of emergency items  
6 to people in need of such items due to a disruption.

7       “(9) The office may collect information about people impacted by a  
8 disruption and provide that information to family members or others  
9 only for the purposes of safety, family assistance, reunification, re-  
10 recovery, impact assessment for case management and wrap-around  
11 services.

12       “(10) The office may take actions to reunify individuals who have  
13 been separated or impacted by a disruption.

14       “(11) The office may, in collaboration with the State Department  
15 of Agriculture, support sheltering or temporary housing for household  
16 pets, support animals and service animals.

17       “(12) The office may receive and distribute usable donated goods.

18       “(13) The office may assist people in becoming prepared, building  
19 resilience, achieving recovery and making progress toward stability  
20 and self-sufficiency in relation to disruptions. Such assistance may  
21 include replacement of personal property impacted by a disruption.

22       “(14) The office may assist individuals with identifying and applying  
23 for local, state or federal benefits or resources.

24       “(15) The office may implement or support the implementation of  
25 an individual assistance program to help people recover from a dis-  
26 ruption, including:

27       “(a) Programs to replace destroyed personal property;

28       “(b) Assistance in obtaining loans, food assistance, crisis coun-  
29 seling, unemployment benefits, legal services or other federal and  
30 state benefits;

1       **“(c) Direct financial support to individuals; and**

2       **“(d) Support and services for special needs populations.**

3       **“(16) At the request of the United States Department of Health and**  
4 **Human Services, the office may provide support for emergency**  
5 **repatriation when United States citizens or their dependents are offi-**  
6 **cially processed back into the United States under conditions where**  
7 **mass care services are required due to a large-scale incident, including**  
8 **natural disaster, war or other adverse events.**

9       **“(17) The office may assess community social service needs in**  
10 **preparation for and following a disruption, identify areas of critical**  
11 **need and individuals with access and functional needs or limited Eng-**  
12 **lish proficiency, identify key partners in service delivery and promote**  
13 **the independence of community members.**

14       **“(18) The office may provide guidance to local governments, state**  
15 **agencies and federal agencies in aiding local and tribal partners in**  
16 **providing for the social service needs of communities.**

17       **“(19) The office may assess the impact of a natural, technological**  
18 **or human-caused incident and support the stabilization of:**

19       **“(a) Individuals;**

20       **“(b) Local, state, tribal and nongovernmental social service delivery**  
21 **systems;**

22       **“(c) Food, shelter and hydration lifelines;**

23       **“(d) Department of Human Services programs, workforce, facilities**  
24 **and infrastructure; and**

25       **“(e) Facilities regulated or operated by the department.**

26       **“(20) The office may provide clear and accessible recovery commu-**  
27 **nications to communities regarding access to social services.**

28       **“(21) The office may carry out planning, exercises and services re-**  
29 **lated to continuity of operations and continuity of government, as di-**  
30 **rected by the Director of Human Services or the Governor, including:**

1       **“(a) Support to public or private facilities to support continuity of**  
2 **business operations and service delivery; and**

3       **“(b) Support for programs carried out by the department to ensure**  
4 **continuity of services for clients, including direct support to clients**  
5 **related to disruptions in services.**

6       **“(22) The office may carry out all other human services programs**  
7 **and functions delegated to the office or department by or in accord-**  
8 **ance with provisions of state or federal law.”.**

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