



OREGON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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To: Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Ways and Means on Public Safety

Subject: Support SB 5517

The Oregon Emergency Management Association (OEMA) has been a vital part of the state's emergency management landscape since its inception in 1967. As the leading association in this field, OEMA brings together a diverse group of members from various sectors, including public agencies, private businesses, community organizations, and faith-based groups. This collaborative approach enhances the state's ability to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the impacts of emergencies and disasters.

OEMA focuses on promoting best practices in emergency management, providing training and resources to its members, and fostering partnerships across different sectors. Through its initiatives, the association works to strengthen the resilience of communities in Oregon, ensuring that they are better equipped to handle emergencies effectively.

OEMA supports SB 5517, Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) Governor's budget for 2025-27 totals \$1.3 billion with \$36.1 General Fund, \$185.7 million Other Funds, \$1.1 billion Federal Funds, and 134 positions (131.25 FTE). The General Fund is 8.7% above CSL, Other Funds increased by 1.5%, and Federal Funds increased by less than 1%. Beyond minor reductions to the agency for statewide Attorney General adjustments and DAS charges, increases within the Governor's budget include:

- \$2 million General Fund on a one-time basis for a total replacement of the current crisis management system, to include equipment upgrades and training assistance.
- \$1.4 million total funds (\$1.2 million General Fund and \$231,956 Federal Funds), two positions and a reduction in 0.75 FTE across a variety of actions, including a services and supplies reduction in Administration, a fund shift between General Fund and Federal Funds for positions in the Preparedness and Response and Mitigation and Recovery divisions, the creation of other positions in Preparedness and Response, reducing existing funding for the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) based on an assumed delay in implementation date, additional funding for the OERS system implementation, and reclassing an OERS position to a different classification.
- \$741,320 total funds (\$408,354 General Fund, \$332,966 Federal Funds, and five positions (5.00 FTE)) to shift finance staffing in-house and end the DAS Shared Financial Services model for ODEM.
- \$51,985 total funds (\$196,456 General Fund increase and \$144,471 Federal Funds decrease) to reclass and fund shift two positions for hazard mitigation.

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- \$12,850 General Fund to contract with translators to provide emergency preparedness and response alert messages accessible across Oregon's major languages and to the hearing and sight impaired.
- \$3.9 million Other Funds and three positions (3.00 FTE) to transfer the State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) and the Statewide Interoperability Coordination Program from the DAS State Chief Information Officer to ODEM.
- Net-zero-dollar fund shift (\$242,768 General Fund reduction, \$865,435 Other Funds reduction, \$1.1 million Federal Funds increase, and seven positions (7.00 FTE)) to rebalance positions across the agency and funding types.

OEMA support efforts that increase ODEM's readiness and resiliency of tribal, local's, and statewide efforts that address long-term gaps in preparing Oregonians for emergencies and disasters.

We look forward to working with this committee in the advancement of this bill.

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