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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee
From: Steve Robbins, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: March 03, 2026
Subject: HB 4121 – Relating to emergency management
Work Session Recommendations

The measure creates statewide emergency preparedness authorities to coordinate emergency management, to include new offices, authorities, and advisory councils, and new funds within the Oregon State Treasury to receive future funds, if appropriated.

The -A3 amendment removes significant portions of the engrossed bill, but retains sections that do the following: establishes the Statewide Regional Training Office within the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, clarifies the duties of the State Resilience Officer, creates the Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority advisory group that is activated if the Governor declares an emergency, makes clarifying changes to Resilience Hubs and Networks, authorizes overnight training activities for state-funded facilities used for emergency preparedness, gives counties the authority to waive civil penalties if imposed during a state of emergency, directs the Department of the State Fire Marshal to submit a report on health coverage disparities between paid and volunteer firefighters, requires criminal records checks for those employed by or contracting with the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, and establishes new public and individual assistance programs that are only utilized if the Governor activates the programs. Included are the creation of new funds within the Oregon State Treasury that are separate and distinct in the event that future appropriations fund these programs.

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A3 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A3 amendment to HB 4121. (vote)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4121, as amended by the –A3 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 4121, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____