

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4121

By COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND VETERANS

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 22 and delete pages 2 through 16 and insert:

“SPARTICIS

“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Statewide Preparedness Authority for Response Training and Intergovernmental Continuity of Imperative Services is established as an office within the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. The office is to be known as and may be cited as SPARTICIS.

“(2) The office is under the supervision and control of the State Resilience Officer, who is responsible for the performance of the duties, functions and powers of the office.

“(3) For purposes of administration, the State Resilience Officer may organize and reorganize the office and appoint administrative personnel as the State Resilience Officer considers necessary to properly conduct the work of the office.

“(4) The State Resilience Officer may divide the functions of the office into administrative divisions. The State Resilience Officer may appoint an individual to administer each division. The administrator of each division serves at the pleasure of the State Resilience Officer and is not subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 240. Each individual appointed under this subsection must be well qualified by technical training and experience in the functions to be performed by the individual.

“(5) The office shall:

“(a) Provide administrative and operational support for the development of strategic improvements in facilities and programming;

“(b) Provide oversight for prioritization of funding associated with emergency-related equipment and functions implemented throughout this state;

“(c) Provide standardization across state agencies for continuity of governance planning, exercises and preparedness;

“(d) Serve as a platform for development, implementation and assessment of policies adopted by the State Resilience Officer and provide administrative and operational support as directed by the State Resilience Officer;

“(e) Carry out the duties imposed by sections 2 to 11 of this 2026 Act; and

“(f) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to the office.

“(6) The office shall periodically report to the Legislative Assembly on the office’s activities, priorities and project outcomes.

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

“SECTION 2. (1) SPARTICIS shall oversee state strategy relating to regional facilities

1 and capacity related to emergency preparedness.

2 “(2) The office shall identify, prioritize and assist in obtaining funding for projects to
3 construct or improve regional facilities.

4 “(3) The office shall ensure that the state has a combination of fixed, mobile and trans-
5 portable supplies that is appropriate for emergency management purposes.

6 “(4) The office shall make expenditures, including grants to local governments, as defined
7 in ORS 174.116, and private entities, that are consistent with the goal of enhancing regional
8 facilities related to emergency management. The office may condition grants on matching
9 contributions or other contributions from recipients.

10 “(5) The office shall monitor the progress of all projects overseen by the office under this
11 section and publish quarterly reports on such progress.

12 “(6) The office shall provide administrative support as necessary to other interagency or
13 intergovernmental bodies related to emergency management.

14 **“SECTION 3.** The Regional Facilities Account is established in the State Treasury, sepa-
15 rate and distinct from the General Fund. The account consists of moneys appropriated, al-
16 located, deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise.
17 Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Admin-
18 istrative Services for SPARTICIS to carry out the provisions of section 2 of this 2026 Act.

19 **“SECTION 4.** (1) SPARTICIS shall oversee collaboration, cooperation and coordination
20 between the state and:

21 “(a) Organizations involved in the development, implementation and sustainment of the
22 emergency supplies and equipment stockpile plan described in ORS 401.111;

23 “(b) Organizations involved in the development, implementation and sustainment of the
24 emergency preparedness equipment grant program described in ORS 401.551; and

25 “(c) Organizations involved in other stockpile or resilience grant programs carried out
26 by state agencies.

27 “(2) The office may take actions as necessary to ensure that supplies, equipment and
28 other materials are appropriately staged in preparation for emergencies.

29 “(3) The office shall monitor the progress of all projects overseen by the office under this
30 section and publish quarterly reports on such progress.

31 **“SECTION 5.** The Regional Stockpile Support Account is established in the State Treas-
32 ury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The account consists of moneys appro-
33 priated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or
34 otherwise. Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department
35 of Administrative Services for SPARTICIS to carry out the provisions of section 4 of this
36 2026 Act.

37 **“SECTION 6.** (1) SPARTICIS shall enhance the emergency preparedness of this state
38 through education and training as described in this section.

39 “(2) The office shall collaborate, cooperate and coordinate with appropriate private and
40 public entities with responsibility for the emergency support functions identified by the
41 Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop regionally specific public safety edu-
42 cation, live exercises and training with the goal of improving statewide emergency
43 preparedness.

44 “(3) The office shall develop, or support the development of, multidisciplinary, all-hazards
45 emergency response training and exercises.

“(4) The office shall monitor the progress of all projects overseen by the office under this section and publish quarterly reports on such progress.

“SECTION 7. The Regional Training Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for SPARTICIS to carry out the provisions of section 6 of this 2026 Act.

“SECTION 8. (1) SPARTICIS shall collaborate, cooperate and coordinate with state agencies and local governments to develop and standardize measures for continuity of governance during and after an emergency that affects normal government operations.

“(2) The office shall develop training for state agencies and local governments related to continuity of governance. The office may perform evaluations of continuity of governance measures adopted by state agencies and local governments.

“(3) The office shall monitor development of continuity of governance measures by state agencies and local governments and publish quarterly reports on such development until the office determines that sufficient measures are in place statewide.

“(4) The office may provide administrative and operational support for policies, programs and initiatives of the State Resilience Officer related to continuity of governance.

“SECTION 9. The Statewide Continuity of Governance Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for SPARTICIS to carry out the provisions of section 8 of this 2026 Act.

“SECTION 10. (1) SPARTICIS shall collaborate, cooperate and coordinate with public and private entities with responsibility for the emergency support functions identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to identify and implement strategic investments to enhance the emergency resilience of the state.

“(2) The office may issue grants to support strategic investments described in subsection (1) of this section.

“(3) The office shall monitor the progress of projects funded under this section and shall evaluate, using objective measurements, the improvements to statewide emergency preparedness attributable to such projects. The office shall publish quarterly reports on such progress and improvements.

“SECTION 11. The Strategic Partnership Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for SPARTICIS to carry out the provisions of section 10 of this 2026 Act.

“SPARC

“SECTION 12. (1) The Statewide Preparedness Authority for Response Coordination is established as an office within the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. The office is to be known as and may be cited as SPARC.

1 “(2) The office is under the supervision and control of a facilitator, who is responsible for
2 the performance of the duties, functions and powers of the office.

3 “(3) The Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall ap-
4 point the facilitator, who holds office at the pleasure of the director.

5 “(4) The facilitator shall be paid a salary as provided by law or, if not so provided, as
6 prescribed by the director, with the approval of the Governor.

7 “(5) For purposes of administration, the facilitator may organize and reorganize the of-
8 fice as the facilitator considers necessary to properly conduct the work of the office.

9 “(6) The facilitator may divide the functions of the office into administrative divisions.
10 The facilitator may appoint an individual to administer each division. The administrator of
11 each division serves at the pleasure of the facilitator and is not subject to the provisions of
12 ORS chapter 240. Each individual appointed under this subsection must be well qualified by
13 technical training and experience in the functions to be performed by the individual.

14 “(7) The office shall:

15 “(a) Develop a standardized and expandable training environment for emergency response
16 training in consultation and collaboration with subject matter experts based on strategic,
17 operational and tactical assessments, evaluations and requirements; and

18 “(b) Plan, develop, construct and operate facilities for emergency response training until
19 the facilitator determines that the facilities are fully operational, at which time control of
20 the facilities must be transferred to the Statewide Regional Training Office established under
21 section 18 of this 2026 Act.

22 “SECTION 13. (1) SPARC shall develop and maintain a database to be known as the All-
23 Hazards Statewide Responder Database. The database is to be a centralized and comprehen-
24 sive repository of information regarding individuals and entities with skills or responsibilities
25 relevant to emergency management.

26 “(2) The office shall negotiate any data sharing agreements with public and private enti-
27 ties necessary to develop or maintain the database.

28 “(3) The office shall collaborate, cooperate and coordinate with all appropriate private
29 and public entities with responsibility for the emergency support functions identified by the
30 Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop and maintain the database.

31 “(4) In developing the database, the office shall prioritize the inclusion of formalized
32 emergency response exercise, experience and training information derived from the Emer-
33 gency Management Institute of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the emergency
34 health care provider registry established under ORS 401.651 to 401.670 and the Department
35 of Public Safety Standards and Training.

36 “(5) The office shall identify, implement and support an appropriate learning management
37 system to be used in conjunction with the database.

38 “(6) The office shall prepare and publish an annual report on the development, mainte-
39 nance and use of the database. The report must include assessments and recommendations
40 for improvement relating to the operation and security of the database.

41 “(7) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, shall assist the office
42 in carrying out the provisions of this section and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
43 to confidentiality, shall furnish information and advice the office considers necessary to
44 carry out those provisions.

45 “SECTION 14. (1) The All-Hazards Statewide Responder Database Oversight Authority is

created within the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. The authority consists of:

“(a) The SPARC facilitator;

“(b) One member appointed by the Director of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to represent the Oregon Department of Emergency Management;

“(c) One member appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to represent the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training;

“(d) One member appointed by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to represent the Oregon Department of Administrative Services; and

“(e) One member appointed by the Director of the Oregon Health Authority to represent the Oregon Health Authority.

“(2) The All-Hazards Statewide Responder Database Oversight Authority shall oversee the development and maintenance of the database described in section 13 of this 2026 Act.

“FUNDING PROVIDED BY SPARC

“SECTION 15. (1) SPARC shall distribute moneys, by grant, to develop and operate public safety projects as described in this section.

“(2) Before distributing moneys under this section, SPARC shall, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and the advisory board convened under section 19 of this 2026 Act, develop construction standards for projects, which may include, without limitation, seismic standards, durability standards and standards for portions of newly constructed buildings that may be used as emergency evacuation facilities. A recipient of grant funding under this section must agree to construct the project in accordance with applicable standards developed by SPARC.

“(3) On or before July 1, 2028, SPARC shall make the following grants, subject to subsection (2) of this section:

“(a) \$20 million to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training for a facility in Salem.

“(b) \$20 million to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training for a facility to operate, and to train individuals for the operation of, the emergency communications system, as defined in ORS 403.105.

“(c) \$20 million to the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council to be used for the CORE3 center in Deschutes County.

(4) In the biennium beginning July 1, 2029, SPARC shall make additional grants for the projects specified in subsection (3) of this section to fund operational costs of the projects. SPARC shall determine the amount of the grants based on the need demonstrated by the projects and legislative budgetary authorization.

“(5) On or before July 1, 2031, SPARC shall make two grants of up to \$20 million each to recipients, as described in subsection (7) of this section, determined through a competitive process. SPARC shall adopt rules governing the competitive process and shall select recipients so as to maximize the emergency readiness of the state, taking into consideration the severity and types of hazards that may affect various regions of this state. SPARC may not make grants under this subsection for projects that received grants under subsection (3) of this section.

“(6) On or before July 1, 2034, SPARC shall make two grants of up to \$20 million each to recipients determined through a competitive process as described in subsection (5) of this section. SPARC may not make grants under this subsection for projects that received grants under subsection (3) or (5) of this section.

“(7) A grant under subsections (5) and (6) of this section may be made only to a recipient that represents local governments and emergency management agencies in one of the following regions, which may be further defined by rules adopted by SPARC:

- “(a) North Coast;
- “(b) Central Coast;
- “(c) South Coast;
- “(d) Metro;
- “(e) Southern;
- “(f) Gorge; or
- “(g) East.

“SECTION 16. (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, at the request of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, the State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces \$60 million in net proceeds for the purposes described in subsection (4) of this section, plus an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs.

“(2) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2029, at the request of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, the State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces \$40 million in net proceeds for the purposes described in subsection (4) of this section, plus an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs.

“(3) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2033, at the request of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, the State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces \$40 million in net proceeds for the purposes described in subsection (4) of this section, plus an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs.

“(4) Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under this section must be transferred to the department to be used by SPARC to issue grants under section 15 of this 2026 Act.

“(5) The Legislative Assembly finds that the use of lottery bond proceeds will create jobs, further economic development, finance public education or restore and protect parks, beaches, watersheds and native fish and wildlife, and is authorized based on the following findings:

“(a) Developing public safety projects in Oregon will create employment opportunities in construction and public safety professions;

(b) Public safety projects will help to protect natural resources in Oregon, including native fish and wildlife, against natural and man-made disasters; and

“(c) Enhancing Oregon’s ability to prepare for and recover from emergencies will increase investment, business activity and economic development in this state.

“SECTION 17. Sections 15 and 16 of this 2026 Act are repealed on January 2, 2036.

“STATEWIDE REGIONAL TRAINING OFFICE

“SECTION 18. (1) The Statewide Regional Training Office is established within the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

“(2) The office is under the supervision and control of the Statewide Regional Training Officer, who is responsible for the performance of the duties, functions and powers of the office.

“(3) The Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall appoint the Statewide Regional Training Officer, who holds office at the pleasure of the director.

“(4) The Statewide Regional Training Officer shall be paid a salary as provided by law or, if not so provided, as prescribed by the director, with the approval of the Governor.

“(5) For purposes of administration, the Statewide Regional Training Officer may organize and reorganize the office as the Statewide Regional Training Officer considers necessary to properly conduct the work of the office.

“(6) The Statewide Regional Training Officer may divide the functions of the office into administrative divisions. The Statewide Regional Training Officer may appoint an individual to administer each division. The administrator of each division serves at the pleasure of the Statewide Regional Training Officer and is not subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 240. Each individual appointed under this subsection must be well qualified by technical training and experience in the functions to be performed by the individual.

“(7) The office shall manage and operate facilities for emergency response training after control of such facilities is transferred to the office from SPARC under section 12 of this 2026 Act.

“(8) The office shall develop and implement a long-term strategy for operation of the facilities with the goal of optimizing the emergency preparedness of the state.

“(9) The office shall coordinate with the SPARC facilitator to develop and sustain regional training programs.

“DPSST ADVISORY BOARD”

“SECTION 19. (1) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall convene an advisory board to advise the department on emergency resilience strategy. The advisory board may advise on any of the following, without limitation:

“(a) Strategic investments and objectives in the short, medium and long term;

“(b) Placement and distribution of facilities, equipment and supplies;

“(c) Standards for regional training; and

“(d) Recommendations for legislative changes associated with statewide emergency resilience.

“(2) The department may appoint members to the advisory board as the department deems necessary or convenient. The department shall consider, but is not required to appoint, the following as advisory board members:

“(a) The State Resilience Officer;

“(b) The SPARC facilitator;

“(c) A member with expertise in capital projects;

“(d) A representative of the Oregon Military Department;

“(e) A representative of the Department of the State Fire Marshal;

- “(f) A representative of the Department of State Police;
- “(g) A representative of the office related to resilience and emergency management within the Department of Human Services;
- “(h) A representative of organizations of local governments;
- “(i) A representative of the Oregon Emergency Management Association; and
- “(j) A representative of tribal government emergency management agencies.

“(3) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the advisory board in the performance of the duties of the advisory board and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the advisory board consider necessary to perform their duties.

“SRO AND SPARC REPORTING

“SECTION 20. (1) On or before January 30, 2027, the State Resilience Officer shall report to the standing or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to emergency management on whether the staffing levels of the office of the State Resilience Officer are sufficient to carry out the duties of the office.

“(2) On or before January 30, 2027, SPARC shall report to the standing or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to emergency management on the amount of state funding necessary or advisable for operational costs of the projects described in section 15 (3) of this 2026 Act.

“PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE STATE RESILIENCE OFFICER

“SECTION 21. (1) The State Resilience Officer shall identify state agencies with responsibility for one or more emergency support functions identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“(2) Each state agency identified under subsection (1) of this section shall designate an employee of the state agency as the Emergency Management Responsible Officer. This officer shall act as the primary liaison between the state agency and state authorities related to emergency management, including SPARC and the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.

“(3) Each state agency not identified under subsection (1) of this section shall designate an employee of the state agency as the Continuity of Governance Responsible Officer. This officer shall act as the primary liaison between the state agency and SPARTICIS for the purposes of preparing continuity of governance plans.

“SECTION 22. Each county shall submit a report to the State Resilience Officer at least once per biennium on the state of the county’s emergency preparedness. The report must include:

“(1) An assessment of county-level emergency management administrative support for local first responder agencies and local nonprofit or volunteer organizations associated with emergency management;

“(2) An assessment of county-level strengths and weaknesses relating to emergency preparedness, response and recovery;

“(3) An assessment of regional partnership development; and

“(4) Recommendations for structural and systematic improvements.

“SECTION 23. ORS 401.913 is amended to read:

"401.913. (1) The office of State Resilience Officer is created in the office of the Governor. The office of State Resilience Officer shall direct, implement and coordinate hazard safety and resilience goal setting and state agency planning and preparation to improve hazard safety and resilience, including but not limited to planning and preparation for safety and resilience during and after earthquake, tsunami, wildfire, flooding and other natural or manmade events.

“(2) The State Resilience Officer shall lead statewide efforts to implement the Oregon Resilience Plan, the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and other resilience plans adopted by the state.

“(3) The State Resilience Officer shall facilitate policy standardization among state agencies, prioritize investments for improving resilience posture and provide regular reports on state agency resilience policy compliance, organizational preparedness, continuity of governance procedures and measures of emergency readiness. Such reports may be made to the Governor, appropriate committees of the Legislative Assembly or relevant public safety advisory boards and commissions.

“[3] (4) The State Resilience Officer shall lead executive branch agencies in continuity of operations planning and continuity of government planning.

“[(4)] (5) The Governor shall appoint an individual to serve as the State Resilience Officer, subject to confirmation by the Senate pursuant to Article III, section 4, of the Oregon Constitution.

“[5] (6) The legislative branch of government and the judicial branch of government shall each select an individual to monitor the effectiveness of hazard safety and resilience planning in their branch.

“OREGON DISASTER RECOVERY AUTHORITY

“SECTION 24. (1) The Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority is established as an advisory group within the Office of the Governor to direct emergency recovery in Oregon. The Governor shall determine the membership of the authority, subject to subsection (2) of this section.

“(2) The Governor shall appoint at least eight individuals to serve as members of the authority from among state agency leadership, local emergency managers and others with expertise in emergency management. The Governor shall seek the advice of the Oregon Homeland Security Council when making appointments to the authority. Members of the authority serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

“(3) If the Governor declares a state of emergency under ORS 401.165, the Governor may activate the authority. The authority remains activated until deactivated by order of the Governor. The authority may remain activated notwithstanding the termination of a state of emergency.

“(4) When activated, the authority shall:

“(a) Coordinate initial crisis services:

“(b) Coordinate recovery and mitigation efforts throughout this state, using a framework aligned with emergency support functions as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

“(c) Coordinate the provision of emergency funding and other aid to local governments or private entities.

“(5) A majority of the members of the authority constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

“(6) Official action by the authority requires the approval of a majority of the members of the authority.

“(7) The Governor shall appoint one of the members of the authority to serve as chairperson.

“(8) The authority shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the Governor or the chairperson. The authority may meet at times when the authority is not activated to maintain readiness in the event of an emergency.

“(9) The authority may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the authority.

“(10) The Office of the Governor shall provide staff support to the authority.

“(11) Members of the authority are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the authority.

“(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the authority in the performance of the duties of the authority and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the authority consider necessary to perform their duties.

“SECTION 25. (1) If the Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority established under section 24 of this 2026 Act is activated pursuant to a declaration of emergency, the Governor may hire additional state agency personnel under this section.

“(2) Additional personnel hired under this section:

“(a) May be placed at any state agency, including the Office of the Governor;

“(b) Must perform duties related to the emergency, which may include taking over duties previously performed by other state agency personnel who have been reassigned to emergency-related tasks; and

“(c) Must have their employment terminated no later than the date the authority is deactivated under section 24 of this 2026 Act.

“(3) Notwithstanding any other law relating to state government employment, additional personnel hired under this section may be recruited and selected through any means the Governor deems appropriate.

“(4) The Governor’s hiring authority under this section is subject to the availability of funding. The compensation of additional personnel hired under this section may be paid from the Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority Fund established under section 26 of this 2026 Act.

“SECTION 26. The Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority Fund consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Office of the Governor to pay for compensation for personnel hired under section 25 of this 2026 Act.

“OREGON PREPAREDNESS GRANT ACCOUNT

“SECTION 27. The Oregon Preparedness Grant Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Oregon Preparedness Grant Account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by

1 the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated
2 to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management for providing grants to local govern-
3 ments, as defined in ORS 174.116, and tribal governments to support their compliance with
4 ORS 401.305 (2).

“ODEM DUTIES

“SECTION 28. ORS 401.114 is amended to read:

9 "401.114. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall carry out the following
10 functions:

11 "1) Coordinate emergency management functions on a regional basis within this state;

12 “(2) Coordinate training related to emergency response on a regional basis within this state;
13 [and]

14 " (3) Develop and carry out emergency preparedness exercises on a statewide basis[.];

15 “(4) Oversee collaboration, cooperation and coordination between the state and organ-
16 izations involved in the emergency stockpile plan described in ORS 401.111, the emergency
17 preparedness equipment grant program described in ORS 401.551 and other stockpile or
18 emergency preparedness programs carried out by state agencies;

19 “(5) Take actions as necessary to ensure that supplies, equipment and other materials
20 are appropriately staged in preparation for emergencies; and

21 “(6) Develop and maintain an inventory plan for the sustainable procurement, rotation
22 and management of emergency preparedness assets.

“RESILIENCE HUBS AND NETWORKS

“SECTION 29. ORS 409.760 is amended to read:

“409.760. (1) As used in this section:

28 “(a) ‘Resilience Hub’ means a physical facility that is **created**, operated, managed or supported
29 by one or more local residents, local governments, tribal governments, public schools, community-
30 based organizations, faith-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, **[or]** nongovernmental organ-
31 **izations or any other groups or entities located in Oregon**, and that:

32 “(A) Supports the needs of community members or tribal communities, facilitates gathering and
33 communication, distributes resources and otherwise enhances quality of life within a community;

34 (B) Serves as a central point for gathering, information sharing, and coordination in response
35 to a disruption in the community;

36 “(C) Enhances the ability of a community to respond to and recover from a disruption in a
37 community;

38 “(D) Is positioned, operated and resourced on a day-to-day basis, **during a disruption and**
39 **during recovery**, to provide community resources, including but not limited to food, water, infor-
40 mation exchange, electronic charging stations, basic medical supplies and equipment proportionate
41 to the size of the community’s population and needs;

42 “(E) Supports community cache sites and other support for community members who shelter in
43 place;

44 “(F) Can provide child care, training, food distribution and other services that can help a com-
45 munity respond to unmet [social] needs to prepare for, respond to and recover from **adverse events**

1 **emergencies or disasters;**

2 “(G) Can provide, or can be retrofitted to provide, heating, cooling, air filtration and weather
3 protection; and

4 “(H) Accommodates individuals with accessibility needs.

5 “(b) ‘Resilience Network’ means an association of facilities, organizations, resource providers
6 or service providers [*outside of a physical Resilience Hub facility that collectively serve the purposes*
7 *of a Resilience Hub]* **that collectively supports community members to prepare for, adapt to**
8 **or respond to social, emotional and physical disruption generated by ongoing climate change**
9 **or other causes, and during and after an adverse event, emergency or disaster.**

10 “(2) The Department of Human Services shall, in consultation with the State Department of
11 Energy and the Oregon Health Authority, provide grants, [*support and technical assistance for*
12 **equipment, technical assistance, contracted services and any other type of support to individuals or organizations located in Oregon for creating or sustaining** Resilience Hubs and
13 **Resilience** Networks in Oregon. The Department of Human Services shall award:

14 “(a) Grants for expenses related to planning and organizing Resilience Hubs and **Resilience**
15 Networks;

16 “(b) Grants to support and expand development and operation of Resilience Hubs and **Resilience**
17 Networks to ensure that physical facilities can provide protection from extreme weather, can
18 maintain power and climate during power outages, have auxiliary communications capabilities and
19 are resilient following earthquakes, fires, tornadoes, floods, other extreme weather events and other
20 potential **adverse events, emergencies or disasters**[, *emergencies or incidents*]; and

21 “(c) Grants for resources and services needed by communities to otherwise prepare for and re-
22 spond to **adverse events, emergencies or disasters**.

23 “(3) Individuals or organizations **located in Oregon and serving people in this state** may ap-
24 ply for grants by submitting an application that must include:

25 “(a) A description of the purposes for which grant moneys will be expended, **including a de-**
26 **scription of the services to be provided to the community by the Resilience Hub or Resilience**
27 **Network**;

28 “(b) A plan for implementing specific strategies to build resilience in a community;

29 “(c) A description of additional resources available for purposes of the Resilience Hub or
30 **Resilience** Network;

31 “(d) A description of the project’s ability to serve vulnerable populations and communities tra-
32 ditionally underrepresented in the public process, including communities of color, communities ex-
33 periencing lower incomes, tribal communities, rural communities, coastal communities, communities
34 with limited infrastructure, seniors, youth and persons with disabilities; and

35 “(e) Any other information required by the department.

36 “(4) The department shall execute grant agreements with grant recipients obligating recipients
37 to use grant moneys for purposes specified in the grant agreements. The department, in consulta-
38 tion with the State Department of Energy and the Oregon Health Authority, shall determine the per-
39missible purposes, **applicant eligibility requirements, types of awards** for a grant **and eligible**
40 **equipment, technical assistance, services and support** under this section based on the needs of
41 the Resilience Hub or **Resilience** Network. The department shall determine the needs of the
42 Resilience Hub or **Resilience** Network in consulta-**tion with the community, including populations**
43 described in subsection (3)(d) of this section, within the locality in which the Resilience Hub or
44 **Resilience** Network operates.

1 “(5) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of
2 this section, including specifying the form and contents of an application for a grant under this
3 section.

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5 **“OVERNIGHT TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

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7 **“SECTION 30.** Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law, a facility that
8 receives funding under section 15 of this 2026 Act is authorized to host overnight training
9 activities.

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11 **“COUNTY AUTHORITY TO WAIVE CIVIL PENALTIES**

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13 **“SECTION 31.** A county governing body may, by order or resolution, waive a civil penalty
14 imposed by the Oregon Health Authority or a local health authority under ORS 624.992 if the
15 civil penalty is imposed for a violation that occurred during a state of emergency declared
16 under ORS 401.165.

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18 **“ONGOING PROGRAM FUNDING**

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20 **“SECTION 32.** On or before July 1, 2027, the standing or interim Joint Committee on
21 Ways and Means shall identify a sustainable, ongoing revenue source to pay for programs
22 at facilities funded under section 15 of this 2026 Act.

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24 **“DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

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26 **“SECTION 33.** The Department of the State Fire Marshal shall conduct a study of health
27 coverage disparities between paid and volunteer firefighters. The department shall submit a
28 report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legis-
29 lation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to emergency man-
30 agement no later than September 15, 2027.

31 **“SECTION 34.** Section 33 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.

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33 **“FINGERPRINTING BY ODEM**

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35 **“SECTION 35.** For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check
36 under ORS 181A.195, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall require the
37 fingerprints of a person who:

38 “(1) Is employed or applying for employment by the department; or

39 “(2) Provides or seeks to provide services to the department as a contractor, subcon-
40 tractor, vendor or volunteer.

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42 **“PUBLIC AND INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

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44 **“SECTION 36.** Sections 37 to 40 of this 2026 Act are added to and made a part of ORS
45 chapter 401.

1 **“SECTION 37.** (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall establish and
2 administer a state infrastructure emergency recovery grant program, to be known as the
3 Oregon Public Assistance Grant Program, to issue grants to qualified recipients, subject to
4 available funding.

5 “(2) Grants under the program must be used to pay for work performed before, during
6 or after an emergency to protect public health, safety or property, including, without limit-
7 ation, debris removal and work to protect or restore public services or public
8 infrastructure.

9 “(3) The Governor may activate the program if:

10 “(a) The Governor determines that an emergency has occurred or is imminent and finds
11 that assistance from the state is warranted; and

12 “(b) The department recommends that the program be activated.

13 “(4) The Governor shall inactivate the program when the Governor finds that assistance
14 from the state is no longer warranted.

15 “(5) While the program is active, the department may issue grants to qualified recipients
16 pursuant to requests from counties or tribal entities. A request on behalf of a city may be
17 made by the county in which a geographic majority of the city lies. Requests must be in
18 writing and must include the following information:

19 “(a) Confirmation that the requester has taken appropriate action under the local emer-
20 gency plan;

21 “(b) An estimate of the amount and severity of damages and losses and a description of
22 the impact of the emergency on the public and private sectors;

23 “(c) A description of the nature and amount of local resources which have been or will
24 be committed to alleviate the results of the emergency;

25 “(d) A preliminary estimate of the types and amount of supplementary state emergency
26 assistance needed; and

27 “(e) A certification by the requester that the obligations and expenditures for the current
28 emergency will comply with all applicable cost sharing requirements agreed between the de-
29 partment and the requester.

30 “(6) The department may adopt rules to administer and implement the provisions of this
31 section, including rules governing eligibility requirements, the form and manner of requests
32 and evaluation of requests by the department.

33 “(7) As used in this section, ‘qualified recipient’ means:

34 “(a) A state agency;

35 “(b) A local government;

36 “(c) A federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon;

37 “(d) A school district or education service district; and

38 “(e) A nonprofit organization that provides critical services or essential social services,
39 such as a hospital, long term care facility, school, community center, food assistance pro-
40 gram or shelter.

41 **“SECTION 38.** The Oregon Public Assistance Grant Program Account is established in
42 the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the
43 account must be credited to the account. The account consists of moneys appropriated, al-
44 located, deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise
45 and interest earned on moneys in the account. The moneys in the account are continuously

1 appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to carry out the Oregon
2 Public Assistance Grant Program described in section 37 of this 2026 Act. The department
3 shall ensure that no more than 10 percent of the moneys in the account are used to pay costs
4 of coordination and distribution of assistance under the program.

5 “**SECTION 39.** (1) The Department of Human Services shall establish and administer an
6 individual grant program, to be known as the Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program,
7 to issue grants to address critical emergency-related needs of qualified individuals, subject
8 to available funding.

9 “(2) The Governor may activate the program if:

10 “(a) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management recommends that the program
11 be activated, the Governor determines that an emergency has occurred or is imminent and
12 the Governor finds that assistance from the state is warranted; or

13 “(b) The Governor has declared an emergency under ORS 401.165.

14 “(3) The Governor shall inactivate the program when the Governor finds that assistance
15 from the state is no longer warranted.

16 “(4) While the program is active, the Department of Human Services may issue grants
17 pursuant to requests from counties or tribal entities. A request on behalf of a city may be
18 made by the county in which a geographic majority of the city lies. Requests must be in
19 writing and must include the following information:

20 “(a) Confirmation that the requester has taken appropriate action under the local emer-
21 gency plan;

22 “(b) An estimate of the amount and severity of damages and losses and a description of
23 the impact of the emergency on individuals and households;

24 “(c) A description of the nature and amount of local resources which have been or will
25 be committed to alleviate the results of the emergency; and

26 “(d) A preliminary estimate of the types and amount of supplementary state emergency
27 assistance needed.

28 “(5) Grants under the program may be used only to pay for:

29 “(a) The provision of services to qualified individuals for critical emergency-related
30 needs, which may include, without limitation:

31 “(A) Temporary rental assistance;

32 “(B) Hazard mitigation assistance;

33 “(C) Repair or replacement of owner-occupied homes that serve as a primary residence,
34 including repair or replacement of privately owned access routes;

35 “(D) Assistance with immediate needs;

36 “(E) Essential personal property assistance;

37 “(F) Assistance with other serious needs that are not covered by insurance; and

38 “(G) Other critical emergency recovery services as approved by the Oregon Department
39 of Emergency Management; and

40 “(b) Agreements with local governments, tribal entities or disaster recovery organiza-
41 tions for the delivery of services described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, including
42 payments for staffing or other administrative needs.

43 “(6) Assistance to individuals may be in the form of direct financial assistance or pay-
44 ments to another entity on behalf of individuals.

45 “(7) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Oregon Department

1 of Emergency Management, may adopt rules to administer and implement the provisions of
2 this section.

3 “(8) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management, in consultation with the De-
4 partment of Human Services, shall update the statewide emergency management plan pre-
5 parered under ORS 401.052 to incorporate the Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program
6 into statewide disaster response and recovery planning. The plan must include, without lim-
7 itation, provisions for equitable distribution of assistance, coordination with local govern-
8 ments and community-based organizations, and integration with federal recovery programs
9 when applicable.

10 “(9) As used in this section:

11 “(a) ‘Hazard mitigation’ means actions taken to reduce impacts of future emergencies.

12 “(b) ‘Immediate need’ means:

13 “(A) A life-saving or life-sustaining item or activity that is essential to prevent, mitigate
14 or overcome an adverse condition caused by an emergency; and

15 “(B) Other equipment that is essential for daily household needs.

16 “(c) ‘Qualified individual’ means:

17 “(A) An individual who is displaced by an emergency from the individual’s primary resi-
18 dence;

19 “(B) An individual whose primary residence is rendered uninhabitable by an emergency;
20 or

21 “(C) An individual with a disability whose primary residence is rendered inaccessible or
22 uninhabitable to the individual as a result of damage caused by an emergency.

23 “**SECTION 40.** The Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program Account is established
24 in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the
25 account must be credited to the account. The account consists of moneys appropriated, al-
26 located, deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise
27 and interest earned on moneys in the account. The moneys in the account are continuously
28 appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. The department may
29 make moneys in the account available to the Department of Human Services to carry out
30 the Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program described in section 39 of this 2026 Act.

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“CAPTIONS

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34 “**SECTION 41.** The unit captions used in this 2026 Act are provided only for the conven-
35 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any
36 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2026 Act.”.

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