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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND VETERANS (at the request of Representative Thuy Tran)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4044**

1 On page 4 of the printed bill, delete lines 14 through 45.

2 On page 5, delete lines 1 through 33 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 7. (1) The Department of Human Services shall establish**
4 **and administer a program, to be known as the Oregon Individual As-**
5 **sistance Program, to provide assistance to address critical**
6 **emergency-related needs of qualified individuals, subject to available**
7 **funding.**

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

9 **“(a) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management recom-**
10 **mends that the program be activated, the Governor determines that**
11 **an emergency has occurred or is imminent and the Governor finds**
12 **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**
15 **finds that assistance from the state is no longer warranted.**

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

21 **“(a) Confirmation that the requester has taken appropriate action**

1 under the local emergency plan;

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

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

8 “(d) A preliminary estimate of the types and amount of supple-
9 mentary state emergency assistance needed.

10 “(5) Assistance under the program may consist of:

11 “(a) The provision of services to qualified individuals to address
12 critical emergency-related needs, which may include, without limita-
13 tion:

14 “(A) Temporary rental assistance;

15 “(B) Repair or replacement of owner-occupied homes that serve as
16 a primary residence, including repair or replacement of privately
17 owned access routes;

18 “(C) Assistance with immediate needs;

19 “(D) Assistance with essential personal property needs that are not
20 covered by insurance;

21 “(E) Assistance with other serious needs that are not covered by
22 insurance; and

23 “(F) Other critical emergency recovery services as approved by the
24 Oregon Department of Emergency Management; and

25 “(b) Agreements with local governments, tribal entities, disaster
26 recovery organizations or other public or private entities for the de-
27 livery of services described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, in-
28 cluding payments for staffing or other administrative needs.

29 “(6) Assistance to qualified individuals may be in the form of direct
30 financial assistance or payments to another entity on behalf of quali-

1 **fied individuals.**

2 **“(7) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the**
3 **Oregon Department of Emergency Management, shall adopt rules to**
4 **administer and implement the provisions of this section.**

5 **“(8) As used in this section:**

6 **“(a) ‘Immediate need’ means:**

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

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

11 **“(b) ‘Qualified individual’ means:**

12 **“(A) An individual who is displaced by an emergency from the**
13 **individual’s primary residence;**

14 **“(B) An individual whose primary residence is rendered**
15 **uninhabitable by an emergency; or**

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

19 **“SECTION 8. (1) The Oregon Individual Assistance Program Ac-**
20 **count is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from**
21 **the General Fund. Interest earned by the account must be credited to**
22 **the account. The account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated,**
23 **deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly**
24 **or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the account. The**
25 **moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon**
26 **Department of Emergency Management.**

27 **“(2) The department may make moneys in the account available to**
28 **the Department of Human Services to carry out the Oregon Individual**
29 **Assistance Program described in section 7 of this 2026 Act. Moneys**
30 **that are made available from the account to the Department of Human**

1 **Services that are not expended for the Oregon Individual Assistance**
2 **Program must be redeposited in the account.”.**

3 In line 36, delete the second “Grant”.

4 After line 37, insert:

5 **“SECTION 10. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
6 **ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency**
7 **Management, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, out of the Gen-**
8 **eral Fund, the amount of \$500,000, to carry out the provisions of sec-**
9 **tion 7 of this 2026 Act.”.**

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