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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for purchase of protective equipment and supplies to respond to pandemic emergency and for purchase of influenza vaccines or antiviral drugs.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to pandemic influenza; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the United States Department of Health and Human Services recommends that states purchase antiviral drugs for 25 percent of each state's respective population; and

Whereas the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared that it will subsidize 25 percent of each state's purchase of antiviral drugs; and

Whereas Oregon's ability to respond to an emergency endangering the public health that occurs naturally or as a result of terrorism requires preparation by both state and local health authorities; and

Whereas Oregon requires the expertise and services of more than 100,000 public health professionals, state police, local police, sheriff's officers, fire rescue personnel, emergency medical technicians, National Guard members, doctors, nurses, hospital staff, long term care staff and emergency electrical and emergency utility workers as pandemic emergency responders during a catastrophic pandemic disaster; and

Whereas the Oregon Department of Human Services is the lead state agency responsible for responding to a public health emergency such as a potential catastrophic disease threat; and

Whereas it is the intent of the Legislative Assembly in enacting this 2007 Act to bolster Oregon's preparedness for an emergency endangering public health and Oregon's ability to respond and recover in the event of pandemic influenza; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,924,774 to purchase personal protective equipment, including but not limited to gloves, masks, gowns, sanitation supplies, decontamination supplies and medical supplies, to provide personnel capacity sufficient to implement distribution of supplies, to train pandemic emergency responders and to purchase vaccines or antiviral drugs to treat influenza in case of pandemic influenza.

SECTION 2. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

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- peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect July 1, 2007.
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