

House Bill 2923

Sponsored by JOINT COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND OCEAN POLICY

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 **as introduced**.

Appropriates moneys to Office of Emergency Management to establish or enhance programs providing public education and planning for emergency preparedness and response.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to emergency preparedness; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly declares that:**

5 (a) **The terrorist events of September 11, 2001, and the events and aftermath that ac-**
6 **companied Hurricane Katrina have demonstrated a clear and undeniable need for effective**
7 **emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation efforts.**

8 (b) **Preparation involves hundreds of coordinative elements and actions to address the**
9 **numerous potential hazards Oregonians face.**

10 (c) **To improve the ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from these hazards re-**
11 **quires improved coordination with cities and counties.**

12 (2) **The Office of Emergency Management shall establish or enhance programs:**

13 (a) **Providing public education and outreach to address awareness and preparedness for**
14 **natural disasters, including earthquakes, tsunamis and flooding.**

15 (b) **Providing planning assistance to cities and counties for emergencies, as defined in**
16 **ORS 401.025, including issues relating to special needs populations.**

17 (c) **Maintaining and improving preemergency mitigation planning and preparation with**
18 **cities and counties.**

19 (d) **Providing leadership and coordination for long-term recovery issues and overall lo-**
20 **gistics strategies.**

21 (3) **Under the direction of the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the of-**
22 **fice shall employ:**

23 (a) **Five full-time equivalent regionally dispersed employees to implement subsection**
24 **(2)(b) of this section.**

25 (b) **Two full-time equivalent employees to implement subsection (2)(c) of this section.**

26 (c) **Two full-time equivalent employees to implement subsection (2)(d) of this section.**

27 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
28 **ated to the Office of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out**
29 **of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,800,000, for the purpose of implementing section 1 of**
30 **this 2007 Act.**

31 **SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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