House Bill 3607

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, ETHICS AND RULES (at the request of House Interim Committee on Workforce and Economic Development)

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.

Establishes Oregon Declared Emergency Recovery Fund. Specifies purposes of fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Governor. Requires Legislative Assembly to appropriate General Fund moneys and allocate lottery moneys to fund in specified ratio.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to state financial administration; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Declared Emergency Recovery Fund is established in the
- 5 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon
- 6 Declared Emergency Recovery Fund shall be credited to the Oregon Declared Emergency
- 7 Recovery Fund.

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- (2) The fund shall consist of:
- (a) Moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly from the General Fund to the Oregon Declared Emergency Recovery Fund;
- (b) Moneys allocated by the Legislative Assembly from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund established by ORS 461.540 to the Oregon Declared Emergency Recovery Fund; and
 - (c) Any other moneys deposited into the fund pursuant to law.
- (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Governor for the purposes described in section 2 of this 2008 Act.
- SECTION 2. (1) Moneys in the Oregon Declared Emergency Recovery Fund established by section 1 of this 2008 Act may be used only for recovery efforts in response to a state of emergency declared by the Governor as provided in ORS 401.055 or by an appropriate federal agency.
- (2) Within the limitation of subsection (1) of this section, moneys in the fund may be used for the following:
- (a) Providing loans or grants to local governments, as defined in ORS 174.116, and school districts on such terms and conditions as the Governor deems appropriate.
- (b) Providing funds to local governments, as defined in ORS 174.116, and school districts to be used to match moneys from federal programs for emergency relief that require a match. Moneys provided under this paragraph may be used to supplement moneys provided by local governments or school districts for a required match that exceeds 10 percent of the amount of the federal moneys required to be matched.
 - (c) Providing funds to be used by the Department of Human Services for direct aid to

individuals through existing department programs.

- (d) Providing funds to be used by the Housing and Community Services Department for direct aid to individuals through existing department programs.
- (e) Providing funds for emergency payment of unemployment benefits for any federally mandated waiting period that the Governor is authorized to waive and does waive.
- (f) Providing funds for costs that the Governor determines are appropriate, necessary and urgent for the state's response to a declared state of emergency.
- SECTION 3. (1) Each biennium, the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Declared Emergency Recovery Fund. Notwithstanding ORS 293.190, moneys appropriated from the General Fund to the Oregon Declared Emergency Recovery Fund do not revert to the General Fund.
- (2) Each biennium, the Legislative Assembly shall allocate from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Oregon Declared Emergency Recovery Fund an amount equal to three times the amount appropriated pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.
- <u>SECTION 4.</u> This 2008 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2008 Act takes effect on its passage.