

Senate Bill 530

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST

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 from General Fund to Department of Human Services for purchase of protective equipment and supplies to respond to pandemic emergency, to provide and train personnel and for purchase of influenza vaccines or antiviral drugs.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

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

7 Whereas Oregon's ability to respond to an emergency endangering the public health that occurs
8 naturally or as a result of terrorism requires preparation by both state and local health authorities;
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10 Whereas Oregon requires the expertise and services of more than 100,000 public health profes-
11 sionals, state police, local police, sheriff's officers, fire rescue personnel, emergency medical techni-
12 cians, National Guard members, doctors, nurses, hospital staff, long term care staff and emergency
13 electrical and emergency utility workers as pandemic emergency responders during a catastrophic
14 pandemic disaster; and

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

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

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

21 **SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**
22 **biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$100,000 to purchase**
23 **personal protective equipment, including but not limited to gloves, masks, gowns, sanitation**
24 **supplies, decontamination supplies and medical supplies, to provide personnel capacity suffi-**
25 **cient to implement distribution of supplies, to train pandemic emergency responders and to**
26 **purchase vaccines or antiviral drugs to treat influenza in case of pandemic influenza.**

27 **SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
28 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**
29 **July 1, 2009.**

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