

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 7 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Cameron, Clem, Conger, Sheehan, Smith J., Holvey, Whisnant

Nays: 0

Exc.: Matthews

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes the name of three disaster-related funds or accounts. Makes two of these an account within the General Fund. Declares an emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- HB 3626 (2008 Special Session)
- Use of accounting tool known as linking allotment and clearing accounts
- An account “separate and distinct” from the General Fund as opposed to account “within” the General Fund

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3626 (2008 Special Session) created the Oregon Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund and the Oregon Disaster Response Fund as funds in the State Treasury separate from the General Fund. The funds were to receive monies from federal grants to be appropriated to the Oregon Military Department.

In June 2008, the Federal Emergency Management Agency wrote a letter to the Oregon Emergency Management Office suggesting that Oregon have separate pre-disaster, post-disaster, and preparedness accounts for tracking federal grants and that the current system created in 2008 was co-mingling grant funds in a manner not permitted. FEMA was concerned that preparedness grants would be wrongly used for pre-disaster efforts or post-disaster response.

In response to the FEMA letter, HB 2074 would change the name of the following three accounts or funds:

- Oregon Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund becomes the Oregon Emergency Preparedness Account and makes it an account within the General Fund.
- Oregon Disaster Response Fund becomes the Oregon Disaster Response Account and makes it an account within the General Fund.
- Oregon Local Disaster Assistance Loan Account becomes the Oregon Local Disaster Assistance Loan Subaccount and makes it a subaccount within the Oregon Disaster Response Account.

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