

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE:** Revenue statement issued (indeterminate impact)

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** None

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/21, 3/7

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Changes names of Oregon’s Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund, Disaster Response Fund, and Local Disaster Assistance Loan and Grant Account, to Emergency Preparedness Account, Disaster Response Account, and Local Disaster Assistance Loan and Grant Subaccount, respectively. Relocates renamed funds within the General Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of previous attempt to make changes described herein
- Concern that amounts held will be included in General Fund “kicker” calculation
- Desire that amounts not be included; desire to comply with FEMA request and eliminate inefficiencies

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon’s current Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund and Disaster Response Fund are separate and distinct from the General Fund. This structure burdens the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) with accounting process inefficiencies in its administration of federal grants and inhibits its overall ability to manage funds. By renaming and relocating two funds, and renaming one account, Senate Bill 97 streamlines OEM’s accounting processes and improves flexibility.