

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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

Vote: 4 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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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 General Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Previous attempt to make proposed changes in House Bill 2047 (2011)
- Concern that amounts held will be included in General Fund “kicker” calculation
- Desire that amounts not be included in “kicker” calculation
- Desire to comply with request from Federal Emergency Management Agency and to eliminate inefficiencies
- Supplemental explanatory materials from Legislative Revenue Office, State Economist, and Treasury, expressing consistent interpretation, of no effect on “kicker” calculation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon’s current Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund and Disaster Response Fund are separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) describes this accounting structure as unduly burdensome and inefficient, adversely affecting its administration of federal grants and inhibiting its overall ability to manage funds. Senate Bill 97 renames and relocates two funds, and renames one account, to streamline OEM’s accounting processes and improve flexibility.