

**REVENUE:** Revenue statement issued

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/19, 3/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes State Treasurer to issue Article XI-N bonds, in an amount to be determined, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013. Deposits bond proceeds in Emergency Services Seismic Fund for planning and implementing seismic rehabilitation of emergency services buildings. Corrects erroneous reference to section (2)(a) of ORS 268A.782. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Plan for emergency service buildings in tsunami zones
- Necessity of first responders being able to access equipment during emergency
- Staffing additions based on certain dollar thresholds

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2001, the Oregon Legislature considered and passed SJR 22, which proposed an amendment to the Oregon Constitution allowing the state to issue general obligation bonds to finance the seismic rehabilitation of emergency services buildings. Oregonians voted to approve the amendment on November 5, 2002, creating what is now Article XI-N of the Oregon Constitution. Article XI-N authorizes bonds to be issued to provide funds for the planning and implementation of seismic rehabilitation of emergency services buildings.

Currently, the Office of Emergency Management administers this program. Thus far \$11.2 million in bond proceeds have financed the seismic rehabilitation of 18 emergency services buildings. Fourteen of those projects are complete or nearing completion and the remaining four are currently underway. For the next biennium, the Governor's budget authorizes the sale of \$15 million general obligation bonds for emergency service buildings and adds two full-time equivalent positions. The Governor's budget also transfers this program from the Military Department to the Oregon Business Development Department. The corresponding legislative measures are Senate Bill 813 (2013) and House Bill 2176. Senate Bill 813 effects the transfer of administering agencies, while House Bill 2176 authorizes the Treasurer to issue Article XI-N bonds for the 2013-2015 biennium.

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