

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

MEASURE: SB 235

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/24/15

Action: Do Pass And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 03/17, 03/24

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes names of Oregon's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund and Disaster Response Fund, to Emergency Preparedness Account and Disaster Response Account, respectively. Moves both funds to General Fund. Changes name of Local Disaster Assistance Loan and Grant Account in Oregon Disaster Response Fund, to Local Disaster Assistance Loan and Grant Subaccount within Oregon Disaster Response Account. Requires deposit of interest on repayment of principal on loans be made into renamed subaccount instead of into General Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Military Department's previous attempts to change accounting structures (SB 97 (2013) and HB 2074 (2011))
- Inefficiencies of current structure
- Distinction between appropriated General Fund dollars (*included* in kicker calculation) and dedicated amounts not available for government purposes (*not* included in kicker calculation)
- Reassurance that measure does not impact kicker calculation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The accounting structures being altered by Senate Bill 235 originated with House Bill 3626 during the 2008 Special Session. The revenue source for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund and the Disaster Response Fund is Federal Funds (separate and distinct from the General Fund), and the revenue source for the Local Disaster Assistance Loan and Grant Account is General Fund and Other Funds. Also, the repayment of principal on loans from the Local Disaster Assistance Loan and Grant Account is currently retained in the account, with interest deposited into the General Fund.

Senate Bill 235 changes the names of emergency preparedness funds and accounts in the interest of efficiency and flexibility; relocates two renamed funds within the General Fund; and retains *both* principal and interest on repayment of loans from a renamed subaccount, instead depositing the interest in the General Fund.