

House Bill 2633

Sponsored by Representatives LININGER, GOMBERG, Senator DEMBROW; Representatives BOONE, GREENLICK, HELM, VEGA PEDERSON, WILLIAMSON (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission to adopt administrative rules to implement statewide land use planning goal related to natural hazards. Requires Department of Land Conservation and Development to establish program, or modify existing program, to provide guidance to local governments regarding adaptive planning to reduce risk to people and property due to development in hazard areas.

Appropriates money from General Fund to department for establishment of program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to development in natural hazard areas; and declaring an emergency.

2 Whereas Oregon is experiencing an increasing incidence of wildfires due to drought and the
3 resulting dry fuels on rangelands and forestlands; and

4 Whereas Oregon is experiencing an increasing incidence of intermittent heavy rain events that
5 frequently result in floods and landslides; and

6 Whereas Oregon is experiencing an increasing incidence of coastal erosion and flooding due to
7 rising sea levels, strong winter storms and an increase in the average size of waves; and

8 Whereas many scientists link the increasing incidence of these natural hazards to global climate
9 change; and

10 Whereas global climate change is a matter of statewide importance due to these impacts on
11 human health and the environment; and

12 Whereas Oregonians are increasingly aware that a megathrust earthquake along the Cascadia
13 subduction zone is inevitable; and

14 Whereas the direct result of a megathrust earthquake will be deaths and widespread damage to
15 buildings and infrastructure; and

16 Whereas a megathrust earthquake will cause a catastrophic tsunami that will also result in
17 deaths and concentrated damage along the coast; and

18 Whereas the Legislative Assembly has requested and received two reports, "The Oregon
19 Resilience Plan" and "Implementation of the Oregon Resilience Plan," outlining recommendations
20 on how to address the risk of earthquakes and tsunamis; and

21 Whereas consistent and effective implementation of a statewide land use planning goal related
22 to natural hazards is necessary for state and local governments to plan effectively for the impacts
23 of natural hazards on the natural and built environment; now, therefore,

24 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

25 **SECTION 1. (1) The Land Conservation and Development Commission shall adopt ad-**
26 **ministrative rules to implement a statewide land use planning goal related to natural haz-**
27 **ards.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(2) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall establish a program,**
2 **or may modify an existing program, to provide guidance to local governments regarding:**

3 **(a) Development policies that can reduce or prevent development in hazard areas;**

4 **(b) Retrofitting structures and facilities that have been developed in hazard areas; and**

5 **(c) Removal or relocation of structures and facilities that are at a substantial risk of**
6 **harm from natural hazards when the risk cannot be mitigated adequately.**

7 **SECTION 2.** **The Land Conservation and Development Commission shall adopt adminis-**
8 **trative rules under section 1 of this 2015 Act on or before two years after the effective date**
9 **of this 2015 Act.**

10 **SECTION 3.** **In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
11 **ated to the Department of Land Conservation and Development, for the biennium beginning**
12 **July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of carrying out**
13 **the provisions of section 1 of this 2015 Act.**

14 **SECTION 4.** **This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
15 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
16 **on its passage.**

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