

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued**Action Date:** 02/04/16**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference. (Printed A-Eng.)**Meeting Dates:** 02/02, 02/04**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Huffman, Lively, Parrish, Piluso

Prepared By: Cheyenne Ross, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates resiliency grant program funded by Article XI-Q bonds to enable distribution of state emergency preparedness equipment and/or funds at the local level, to be developed and administered by the Office of Emergency Management and Oregon Homeland Security Council. Makes Public Contracting Code inapplicable. Requires Homeland Security Council to develop an equipment list by December 31, 2016. Clarifies what is permissible with regard to use of tax-exempt bonds. Requires approval for uses of equipment that are outside the scope of the recipient's business. Requires recipient to indemnify state against loss of any federal tax benefit caused by recipient. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Provisions of amendment
- Capacity of Office of Emergency Management
- Regional and local emergencies other than a Cascadia earthquake event
- Ongoing efforts to educate and support citizen's self-reliance in worst-case scenarios

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Permits distribution of funds to recipients, not just distribution of equipment purchased with funds. Makes Public Contracting Code inapplicable. Requires Homeland Security Council to develop an equipment list by December 31, 2016. Clarifies what is permissible with regard to use of tax-exempt bonds. Requires approval for uses of equipment that are outside the scope of the recipient's business. Requires recipient to indemnify state against loss of any federal tax benefit caused by recipient. Makes technical and conforming changes.

BACKGROUND:

The central finding of the Oregon Resilience Plan of 2013 (the Plan) is that the Cascadia subduction zone, an active fault off the coast, poses a severe geological hazard to the state: a large-magnitude earthquake and corresponding tsunami are overdue to occur and the state, and the region, are significantly underprepared. The Plan contemplates a long-term effort, perhaps over the course of fifty years, to make ongoing preparations, and the availability and allocation of resources is and will continue to be a fixture of those efforts.

House Bill 4098A establishes a grant program funded by Article XI-Q bonds to enable the purchase and distribution of state emergency preparedness equipment and/or the distribution funds at the local level, depending on local and regional need.