

Requested by Representative EVANS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 4098**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and delete pages  
2 2 and 3 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

4 **“(a) ‘Emergency’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 401.025.**

5 **“(b) ‘Maintain’ means to repair, perform upkeep on and otherwise**  
6 **keep in good working condition.**

7 **“(c) ‘Preparedness equipment’ means equipment, vehicles or other**  
8 **personal property that:**

9 **“(A) May be used to decrease the risk to life and property resulting**  
10 **from an emergency; and**

11 **“(B) Qualifies as a capital asset eligible for financing with tax-**  
12 **exempt bonds.**

13 **“(d) ‘Qualified applicant’ means an entity that has responsibility for**  
14 **or expertise in emergency preparedness and that is a local govern-**  
15 **ment, a special government body or a private organization qualified**  
16 **for federal tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal**  
17 **Revenue Code.**

18 **“(e) ‘Recipient’ means an entity that applies for and receives**  
19 **preparedness equipment, or funds to purchase preparedness equip-**  
20 **ment, under the grant program described in subsection (3) of this**  
21 **section.**

1       “(f) ‘Tax-exempt bond’ means a bond, as defined in ORS 286A.001,  
2 the receipt of interest on which is excluded from gross income under  
3 the Internal Revenue Code or that is eligible for a federal interest  
4 subsidy payment or other tax-advantaged status.

5       “(2)(a) Before December 31, 2016, the Oregon Homeland Security  
6 Council shall develop a list of preparedness equipment that is needed  
7 throughout this state to address deficiencies in the ability of the state  
8 to respond to local and regional emergencies.

9       “(b) In developing the list, the council shall consult and coordinate  
10 with the Office of Emergency Management and with county officials  
11 who are responsible for emergency management.

12       “(c) The council shall assign a priority level to each type of  
13 preparedness equipment on the list, taking into consideration, without  
14 limitation, the types of emergency that are most likely to occur in  
15 different regions of this state and the types of preparedness equipment  
16 that offer the highest ratio of utility to cost. The council shall peri-  
17 odically update and revise the list.

18       “(3) The Office of Emergency Management shall develop and ad-  
19 minister a grant program to distribute preparedness equipment, or  
20 funds to purchase preparedness equipment, to recipients throughout  
21 this state. Pursuant to the grant program:

22       “(a) Qualified applicants may request preparedness equipment that  
23 is identified on the list described in subsection (2) of this section. Ap-  
24 plicants must demonstrate a need for the specific preparedness equip-  
25 ment requested, the ability to maintain the preparedness equipment  
26 and the ability to use the preparedness equipment to address defi-  
27 ciencies in local or regional emergency preparedness.

28       “(b) The office shall identify which requests from applicants, if  
29 fulfilled, will maximize the state’s ability to respond to an emergency,  
30 taking into account considerations that include but are not limited to:

1       **“(A) The level of priority assigned to the requested preparedness**  
2 **equipment type pursuant to subsection (2) of this section;**

3       **“(B) The level of need for the requested preparedness equipment as**  
4 **demonstrated by the applicant;**

5       **“(C) The ability to use and maintain the preparedness equipment**  
6 **as demonstrated by the applicant;**

7       **“(D) The types of emergency most likely to occur in the region**  
8 **where the applicant is located; and**

9       **“(E) Whether the applicant has an alternative means of acquiring**  
10 **the requested preparedness equipment.**

11       **“(c) The office shall issue grants to applicants identified under**  
12 **paragraph (b) of this subsection after entering into grant agreements**  
13 **with the applicants as provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection. The**  
14 **office may either purchase the requested preparedness equipment for**  
15 **distribution to a recipient or disburse funds to the recipient for the**  
16 **purchase of the requested preparedness equipment.**

17       **“(d) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to the acquisition**  
18 **of preparedness equipment by the office or by a recipient pursuant to**  
19 **this section. When acquiring preparedness equipment pursuant to this**  
20 **section, the office and recipients shall use procurement methods that**  
21 **are impartial and transparent to the greatest extent feasible and are**  
22 **designed to maximize value to the State of Oregon.**

23       **“(e) The office may not disburse preparedness equipment or funds**  
24 **under this section unless the office and the intended recipient first**  
25 **enter into a grant agreement. The grant agreement:**

26       **“(A) Shall require the recipient to maintain the preparedness**  
27 **equipment.**

28       **“(B) Shall provide that, if a recipient fails to adequately maintain**  
29 **preparedness equipment, the recipient must relinquish possession of**  
30 **the preparedness equipment or reimburse the office for the cost of the**

1 **preparedness equipment.**

2 **“(C) Shall specify that the office may conduct periodic inspections**  
3 **of the preparedness equipment as described in paragraph (f) of this**  
4 **subsection.**

5 **“(D) Shall specify that preparedness equipment distributed to the**  
6 **recipient remains the property of the office until it is fully depreciated**  
7 **under governmental accounting principles, after which the office may**  
8 **offer the preparedness equipment for sale to the recipient at its fair**  
9 **market value at the time of sale.**

10 **“(E) May permit the recipient to use the preparedness equipment**  
11 **for any purpose, governmental or otherwise, that is permissible for**  
12 **assets financed with tax-exempt bonds, including nonemergency pur-**  
13 **poses.**

14 **“(F) Shall require private organizations to obtain approval from the**  
15 **office before making any use of preparedness equipment that is outside**  
16 **the scope of the purpose of the private organization as stated in the**  
17 **formation documents or bylaws of the organization.**

18 **“(G) Shall require the recipient to take action or refrain from**  
19 **action as necessary to maintain federal tax benefits related to any**  
20 **tax-exempt bonds that are used to fund the grant and to indemnify the**  
21 **State of Oregon for any costs, expenses or liability due to loss of such**  
22 **federal tax benefits caused by action or inaction of the recipient.**

23 **“(f) The office shall conduct periodic inspections of preparedness**  
24 **equipment distributed or purchased through the grant program to en-**  
25 **sure that recipients are adequately maintaining the preparedness**  
26 **equipment. If the office finds that any preparedness equipment is not**  
27 **adequately maintained, the office may take possession of the**  
28 **preparedness equipment or require the recipient to reimburse the of-**  
29 **fice for the cost of the preparedness equipment.**

30 **“(g) The office may transfer between recipients, dispose of or oth-**

1 erwise manage the preparedness equipment as it determines is in the  
2 best interests of meeting the emergency preparedness needs of the  
3 State of Oregon. If the office disposes of preparedness equipment for  
4 any reason, including sale to a recipient as provided in paragraph  
5 (e)(D) of this subsection, the office shall deposit any moneys it receives  
6 from the disposal in the Resiliency Grant Fund established under sec-  
7 tion 2 of this 2016 Act.

8 “(4) On or before December 31 of each year, the office shall submit  
9 a report to the Legislative Assembly and to the Oregon Homeland Se-  
10 curity Council that describes the administration and effectiveness of  
11 the grant program established under this section and the current pri-  
12 oritized list of preparedness equipment types.

13 “(5) The office shall adopt rules to administer and implement the  
14 provisions of this section.

15 “SECTION 2. The Resiliency Grant Fund is established in the State  
16 Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest  
17 earned by the Resiliency Grant Fund must be credited to the fund. The  
18 Resiliency Grant Fund consists of moneys deposited in the fund under  
19 sections 1 and 3 of this 2016 Act and may include moneys appropriated,  
20 allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative As-  
21 sembly or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the fund. The  
22 moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Office of  
23 Emergency Management for the purposes specified in section 1 of this  
24 2016 Act.

25 “SECTION 3. (1) During the biennium beginning on July 1, 2015, the  
26 State Treasurer, at the request of the Oregon Department of Admin-  
27 istrative Services, may issue bonds as authorized in Article XI-Q of the  
28 Oregon Constitution in an amount not to exceed \$10 million for the  
29 purpose of acquiring preparedness equipment for the grant program  
30 described in section 1 of this 2016 Act, plus an amount estimated by

1 the State Treasurer to pay estimated bond-related costs. Bonds issued  
2 under this section are exempt from the requirements of ORS 286A.035.

3 “(2) The State Treasurer shall deposit the net proceeds of bonds is-  
4 sued pursuant to this section in the Resiliency Grant Fund established  
5 under section 2 of this 2016 Act.

6 “SECTION 4. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
8 declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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