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Measure Description:

Directs Office of Emergency Management to develop and implement strategy to construct infrastructure in appropriate public places to serve as staging areas for response to and recovery from large-scale emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement has been revised based on additional information received from the Oregon Military Department.

The measure establishes the Oregon Public Places Are Safe Places Investment Fund (OPPASPIF), separate and distinct from the General Fund, credits interest earned back to the fund, and continuously appropriates monies in the fund to Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) within the Oregon Military Department. The fund shall include monies appropriated or provided by the Legislative Assembly, or from gifts, grants or contributions received by the Department for the purposes of the fund.

The amount of monies that may be deposited into the fund are indeterminate. If grants or other sources of funds were deposited into the fund, the Department would need to return to the legislature for limitation authority. If funds are received, OEM reports the need for one full-time positions to administer the program. OEM assumes costs of the position would be split 50-50 between General Fund and Federal Funds and would total \$196,749 for a full biennium.

The measure establishes a 26-member advisory committee in order to provide recommendations on expenditures from the OPPASPIF. The advisory committee meets at the call of the chair or the director of OEM. OEM is directed to provide office space and personnel to assist the advisory committee within the limits of available funds. The measure does not specify if the funds to staff the advisory committee must be from the OPPASPIF or from alternative funds within OEM's budget.

The Legislative Fiscal Office assumes that the advisory committee would not need to be formed until a source of monies for the OPPASPIF became available, as the primary function of the committee is to provide recommendations on expenditures.

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. A more complete analysis of the bill will take place as it is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required