

## **SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1537**

The Association of Oregon Counties and its 36 member counties appreciate the work and partnership it has with the Office of Emergency Management, State Resilience Office, and other state agencies and commissioners who have goals to make sure we are able to better prepare, respond, and recover from natural disasters and other emergencies. AOC thanks Governor Brown for her leadership on resiliency efforts.

AOC supports SB 1537 so that we can better invest in emergency preparedness efforts. A \$12.7 million investment will save thousands of lives in Oregon when the Cascadia earthquake or another large scale emergency happens.

County Commissioners, sheriffs, and emergency managers are ready to assist citizens during these emergencies and with a strong partnership with our statewide stakeholders, we will be able to effectively keep Oregonians safe.

Personal responsibility is also key, which is why its important to educate and help families prepare for disasters as well. A two-week disaster kit will help ease the burden on first responders when a large scale disaster hits.

These investments are small when compared to the impact that natural disasters have on our communities.

Please vote YES on SB 1537.

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