

HB 2893 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/4, 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Oregon Disaster Response Assistance Matching Fund to provide matching funds when required to do so for eligibility of federal grants and aid related to disaster response.

Subsequent referral to Joint Committee on Ways and Means

REVENUE: *No revenue impact*

FISCAL: *Fiscal impact issued*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to restart fund
- No money currently attached to fund
- Necessity of matching funds for local governments after a disaster
- Use fund for at least a portion of local matching funds needed for federal assistance

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

When a state, such as Oregon, applies for federal assistance often times there are cost sharing requirements where the state must match the funds being requested from the federal government. For example, when a state requests a federal disaster declaration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will take into consideration the state's cost sharing abilities, when making their recommendations to the President. House Bill 2893 establishes the Oregon Disaster Response Assistance Matching Fund to provide matching funds when required to do so, to be eligible for federal grants and aid related to disaster response.