

## HB 2893 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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**Action Date:** 03/11/21

**Action:** Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 6-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Meek, Wallan, Wright

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/4, 3/11

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Oregon Disaster Response Assistance Matching Fund to provide matching funds when required to be eligible for federal funds or aid related to disaster response.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Restarting fund
- Capitalizing fund
- Necessity of matching funds for local governments after a disaster
- Using fund for at least a portion of local matching funds needed for federal assistance

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Receipt of federal assistance is often conditioned on cost sharing, where states must match all or a portion of the amount being applied for. 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 its 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 to receive federal funds and aid related to disaster response.