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**To:** Capital Construction Subcommittee

**From:** John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** February 25, 2022

**Subject:** HB 4068 – Relating to emergency preparedness  
Work Session Recommendations

The measure has several provisions around emergency preparedness:

- Transfers the Oregon Homeland Security Council from the Office of the Governor to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM).
- Transfers the Oregon Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund from the Oregon Military Department (OMD) to ODEM.
- Outlines requirements for emergency response exercises
- Directs the Homeland Security Council to develop a plan for a stockpile program, with reporting requirements to the Legislature on the plan for 2023 session.
- Permits the Oregon Department of Transportation to waive certain requirements when issuing, renewing, or replacing a CDL.
- Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to prioritize recipients impacted by the 2020 wildfires when providing financial assistance related to on-site septic systems.
- Requires all elected officials, administrative heads of state agencies, and everyone in state government management service to complete introductory courses offered or approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on incident command and the National Incident Management System.
- Requires all local government officials who could be expected to have an emergency or disaster response responsibility to complete education on emergency response.

### Oregon Military Department (OMD)/Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM):

The fiscal impact is \$484,062 General Fund, and three permanent full-time positions (0.67 FTE each) for the 2021-23 biennium. The positions include staff support for the Homeland Security Council, a position to administer the emergency response exercises requirement, and a position to assist the Council in development of the stockpile plan. Due to the timing of the measure, the position to assist the Council with the stockpile is being established in OMD upon passage, while the other two positions will begin July 1, 2023 with the establishment of the Department of Emergency Management. The budget omnibus bill will shift the costs and position authority for that position from OMD to ODEM.

### Department of Corrections (DOC):

The fiscal to the Department of Corrections is \$148,367 General Fund for one permanent full-time position (0.54 FTE) for the 2021-23 biennium. This position will be a Correctional Captain to oversee

the responsibilities for emergency response exercises across DOC's 12 institutions located in various counties that provide supplies, services, and shelters to citizens during emergencies.

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ):

The fiscal impact to the Department of Environmental Quality is \$190,179 General Fund for one full-time permanent position (0.58 FTE) for the 2021-23 biennium. This position will develop and implement the annual Incident Command System exercise, maintain, and update the agency's continuity of operations plan for best practices learned through the annual exercises, and coordinate with ODEM to develop the report on the annual exercises.

**Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -A6 amendment which includes the policy changes included in the -A5 along with the general fund appropriations needed for Oregon Military Department, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Corrections and Department of Environmental Quality noted above.

**Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 4068, as amended by the -A6 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_