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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Department of Emergency Management to develop and implement grant program to distribute moneys to certain counties to fund emergency preparedness coordinators.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Emergency Management, Counties

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) to develop and implement a grant program that distributes monies to eligible counties to fund emergency preparedness coordinators at the county level. The measure specifies an eligible county as being one of Clatsop, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln, or Tillamook counties; and whose emergency management agency is funded by the Emergency Management Performance Grant administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In addition, the measure provides a one-time, unspecified General Fund appropriation to ODEM in the 2023-25 biennium to develop and implement the grant program. The measure is effective on January 1, 2024.

The fiscal impact for ODEM is indeterminate. The amount of funding to develop and implement the grant program is unknown. The Department does not have current resources to absorb the costs of developing and administering a new program. The Department anticipates needing a limited duration Program Analyst 3 and a limited duration Administrative Specialist 1 to implement the measure. With an effective date of January 1, 2024, the estimated fiscal impact of these two positions (1.50 FTE) total \$333,354 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium. However, depending on the amount of funds provided, the demand and the structure of grant agreements with eligible counties, the Department's expenses for implementing the measure could be higher.

There is no fiscal impact for counties.

This measure has a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.

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