

HB 3282 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Action Date: 03/16/23

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

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Conrad, Dexter, Evans, Grayber, Hieb, Lewis, Tran

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/14, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$3 million from General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services for distribution to the City of Gold Beach for purposes of relocating, constructing or acquiring firefighting facilities or equipment.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest to combine county fire districts into one new facility
- Demand for Gold Beach Fire Department services
- Location of current facility, including tsunami concerns

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Gold Beach is located in Curry County on the southern Oregon Coast. The Cascadia Subduction Zone is a 600-mile fault line running from northern California to British Columbia and is located off the Pacific Coast shoreline. According to the Office of Emergency Management, Oregon has the potential for a 9.0+ magnitude earthquake caused by the Cascadia Subduction Zone and a resulting tsunami of up to 100 feet in height that will impact the coastal area. The Gold Beach Volunteer Fire Department facility and equipment are located within the Cascadia tsunami impact and evacuation zone.

House Bill 3282 appropriates \$3 million in General Fund dollars to the City of Gold Beach for relocating firefighting facilities or equipment out of the tsunami impact zone and for constructing or acquiring firefighting facilities or equipment.