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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Health Authority to develop and implement grant program to support resilience hubs and networks in Oregon.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services, Department of Energy

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2990-A replaces the introduced measure. The measure defines "resilience hub" and "resilience network." The measure requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide grants, support and technical assistance for Resilience Hubs and Networks in Oregon. Grants shall be awarded for planning and organizing expenses, expanding development and operations of Resilience Hubs and Networks to provide protection from extreme weather or other potential disasters, community resources and services to respond to disasters. The measure provides minimum requirements for the grant application. DHS is to consult with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon Department of Energy on implementation of this measure. DHS is granted rulemaking authority. The measure appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to provide grants. The measure is effective January 1, 2024.

Department of Human Services

For the 2023-25 biennium, the anticipated staffing need in DHS includes one full-time limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (0.75 FTE) to manage the program and engage with stakeholders and one limited duration Office Specialist 2 position (0.75 FTE) to manage grants and program-related invoices. The 2023-25 fiscal impact to DHS is \$276,841 total funds for personal services and \$35,855 total funds for position-related services and supplies. If the grants are reauthorized on an ongoing basis, the agency would need permanent full-time position support in 2025-27, with an estimated fiscal impact of \$369,127 total funds for personal services and \$43,584 total funds for position-related services and supplies costs.

Oregon Health Authority

To coordinate with internal stakeholders, integrate the grant design with OHA's climate and health equity plans, evaluate health equity implications of programs developed under requested grants, support evaluation of applicants and consult with DHS, one limited duration Program Analyst position (0.75 FTE) is anticipated to be needed in OHA. This position results in a personal services cost of \$180,876 General Fund with \$18,131 in position-related services and supplies costs. If the grants are reauthorized on an ongoing basis, the agency would need permanent full-time position support in 2025-27, with an estimated fiscal impact of \$241,171 General Fund in personal services costs and \$22,064 in position-related services and supplies costs.

There is a minimal fiscal impact to the Oregon Department of Energy.

The fiscal impact of this measure will change once the amount appropriated for grants has been identified.

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