House Bill 2848

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representative LEWIS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Directs Oregon Department of Emergency Management to establish liaison to each county to foster development of county-level organizations or networks to address emergency prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Sunsets January 2, 2026.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to community organizations active in disaster; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “COAD” or “community organization active in disaster” means an organization or network of organizations that is prepared to address emergency prevention, preparedness, response and recovery at a local level.

(2) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall develop and implement a program to foster the development of county-level COADs in Oregon by assigning employees of the department to serve as establishing COAD liaisons for Oregon counties. The department shall assign one full-time equivalent employee as COAD liaison for each county.

(3) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that COAD liaisons will support the development of county COADs into independent, self-sustaining organizations that are capable of operating without the involvement of a COAD liaison.

(4) COAD liaisons, subject to the direction of the department, shall:

(a) In counties that do not have existing county COADs, coordinate the formation of county COADs by providing structure, guidance and a forum for communication;

(b) In counties that have existing county COADs, support and strengthen coordination between components of the COAD;

(c) Provide technical assistance for the establishment or maintenance of a county COAD;

(d) Build collaborative relationships with local organizations and businesses and encourage their participation in a county COAD;

(e) Build relationships with local government partners and related associations;

(f) Address needs of nongovernmental and voluntary organizations and their clients to improve service delivery;

(g) Support coordination of receipt and delivery of donated resources;

(h) Provide support and guidance to long-term recovery groups operating within the county, and support the formation of such a group if none is operating;

(i) Support COAD liaisons in other counties through a mutual aid system; and

(j) Foster communication, relationships and coordination between a county COAD and the emergency management agency of the county and long-term recovery groups operating

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.
in the county.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $___ for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.