

House Bill 2851

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representative LEWIS (Pre-session 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 Business Development Department to develop registry of small businesses interested in receiving communications relating to emergency management. Directs department to use registry to communicate information relating to emergency management to small businesses.

Directs department to develop and implement program to provide grants and assistance to small businesses to strengthen emergency resilience.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to emergency management; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department, in collaboration with the**
5 **Secretary of State, shall develop a registry of small businesses that are interested in re-**
6 **ceiving communications from the department related to emergency preparedness, response**
7 **and recovery.**

8 **(2) The department, in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Emergency Man-**
9 **agement and county, city and tribal emergency management agencies, shall use the registry**
10 **to:**

11 **(a) Inform small businesses of new or ongoing programs or opportunities related to**
12 **emergency management and relevant to small businesses, including the Small Business**
13 **Resilience Program established under section 2 of this 2023 Act; and**

14 **(b) Regularly communicate with small businesses about emergency planning and**
15 **preparedness, with the goal of integrating small businesses into the emergency management**
16 **strategy of the state.**

17 **(3) The Oregon Business Development Department shall continuously conduct outreach**
18 **to small businesses across this state to encourage small businesses to join the registry.**

19 **(4) As used in this section, "small business" means a business having 50 or fewer em-**
20 **ployees.**

21 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop and imple-**
22 **ment a program, known as the Small Business Resilience Program, to provide grants and**
23 **assistance to small businesses to enhance the emergency resilience of this state.**

24 **(2) Through the program, the department shall:**

25 **(a) Issue grants to small businesses to pay for upgrades to equipment, materials or fa-**
26 **ilities that will strengthen the overall emergency resilience of the small businesses and the**
27 **localities in which the small businesses are located; and**

28 **(b) Provide technical assistance to small businesses in navigating state and federal pro-**
29 **grams related to emergency preparedness or emergency response and recovery.**

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.

