SUMMARY

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Directs Oregon Department of Emergency Management to develop and implement program to provide grants to counties to create and fill county-level position of disaster mitigation and recovery manager. Specifies duties of disaster mitigation and recovery manager.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to county disaster recovery; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall develop and implement a program to provide grants to counties to enable each county to create and fill a county-level position of disaster mitigation and recovery manager to prepare for and coordinate recovery after a disaster in a county.

(2) The department shall execute grant agreements with counties specifying the duties that a disaster mitigation and recovery manager funded by grant moneys must perform. The duties must include:

(a) Building relationships and networks with potential disaster recovery partners, including the department, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, city governments, community organizations active in disaster and other business and community partners;

(b) Creating and maintaining plans for mitigating natural hazards, in consultation with the Department of Land Conservation and Development and community partners and in collaboration with the emergency management agency of a county;

(c) Creating and maintaining plans for community wildfire protection, including protection from related issues such as smoke, in consultation with the Department of Land Conservation and Development and community partners and in collaboration with the emergency management agency of a county;

(d) During and after a disaster that affects a county, managing recovery operations within the county, including:

(A) Putting existing contracts or purchase orders into operation;

(B) Working with cities, unincorporated communities and special districts to assess needs and provide resources and other support; and

(C) Working with community organizations active in disaster, long-term recovery groups and other groups active in disaster recovery to assess local needs and direct resources toward such groups; and

(e) Providing mutual aid to support other counties affected by disaster.

(3) A county is not required to apply for or accept a grant under this section. Nothing

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.

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in this section limits or supplants any rights or powers that a county may exercise.

(4) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management may adopt rules necessary for
the administration of this section.

SECTION 2. 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.