

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3059

By COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, GENERAL GOVERNMENT, AND  
VETERANS

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1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; creating new provisions; amending ORS  
2 401.378; and declaring an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:  
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### 5 “OREGON DISASTER RESPONSE ASSISTANCE MATCHING FUND 6

7 “SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Disaster Response Assistance Matching Fund is established  
8 in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Oregon Disaster  
9 Response Assistance Matching Fund consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited  
10 or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the fund are  
11 continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management for the  
12 purposes specified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

13 “(2) When the receipt of federal grants or other federal aid related to disaster response  
14 is conditioned on the contribution of matching funds by the recipient, the department may  
15 provide grants from the fund to local governments to be used to contribute such matching  
16 funds.

17 “(3) The department may provide grants from the fund to local governments in order to  
18 assist or support disaster response efforts.

19 “(4) The department may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.

20 “(5) As used in this section, ‘local government’ has the meaning given that term in ORS  
21 174.116.  
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### 23 “VOLUNTEER TAX BENEFITS 24

25 “SECTION 2. The Legislative Revenue Officer shall conduct a study of potential means  
26 of granting a tax benefit to emergency management volunteers. Not later than September  
27 15, 2024, the officer shall submit a report of the findings of the study, in the manner provided  
28 by ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to revenue,  
29 and may include recommendations for legislation in the report.

30 “SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.  
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### 32 “OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE DIVISION 33

34 “SECTION 4. (1) There is established the Compliance Division as an administrative divi-  
35 sion of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. The Director of the Oregon De-

1 department of Emergency Management shall appoint a compliance officer to lead the division.  
2 The compliance officer serves at the pleasure of and at the direction of the director. The  
3 director may appoint additional staff to the division as the director deems necessary for the  
4 division to carry out its duties.

5 “(2) The Compliance Division shall:

6 “(a) Ensure that the department is in compliance with requirements and regulations re-  
7 lating to moneys received from the federal government, including ensuring compliance by  
8 grantees or subgrantees;

9 “(b) Prepare and maintain documentation related to compliance;

10 “(c) Establish monitoring and reporting requirements as necessary to ensure compliance;

11 “(d) Identify compliance risks and direct and supervise corrective actions to mitigate  
12 such risks; and

13 “(e) Serve as liaison between the department and federal officials.

14 “(3) Public bodies, as defined in ORS 174.109, shall promptly provide to the Compliance  
15 Division any books, records or other documentation that the division determines to be nec-  
16 essary to carry out its duties.

#### 17 “VOLUNTEER PAID LEAVE

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20 “**SECTION 5.** ORS 401.378 is amended to read:

21 “401.378. [(1)] State agencies and political subdivisions described in ORS 243.325 (2) to (6) may  
22 grant leaves of absence to any public employee who [*is a certified disaster services volunteer of the*  
23 *American Red Cross*] **volunteers** to participate in disaster relief **or recovery** services in the State  
24 of Oregon. Cumulative leave granted shall not exceed 15 work days in any 12-month period. Such  
25 leave granted shall not result in a loss of compensation, seniority, vacation time, sick leave or ac-  
26 crued overtime for which the employee is otherwise eligible. Compensation to an employee granted  
27 leave under this section shall be at the employee’s regular rate of pay for those regular work hours  
28 during which the employee is absent from work.

29 “[2) As used in this section, ‘disaster’ means those disasters designated at level II and above by  
30 the American Red Cross.]

#### 31 32 “SUPPORT TO LOCAL ENTITIES

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34 “**SECTION 6.** (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall provide tech-  
35 nical assistance, as described in subsection (2) of this section, to local entities, whether  
36 public or private, that are active in emergency preparedness, response or recovery in  
37 Oregon, including:

38 “(a) County, city and tribal emergency management agencies;

39 “(b) Community organizations active in disaster;

40 “(c) Long-term recovery groups; and

41 “(d) Disaster mitigation and recovery managers.

42 “(2) Technical assistance provided under this section may include, without limitation,  
43 assistance with:

44 “(a) Fundraising or grant writing;

45 “(b) Incorporation or other organization;



**“EMERGENCY CLAUSE**

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**“SECTION 11. 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.”.**

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