SUMMARY

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Requires Oregon Department of Emergency Management, during certain emergencies, to prioritize immediate provision of housing to displaced individuals.

If federal housing resources are made available to affected community, requires department to provide housing resources to community members who are ineligible to receive federal resources due to immigration status.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to housing; amending ORS 401.185; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 401.185 is amended to read:

401.185. Whenever the Governor has declared a state of emergency or the President of the United States has declared an emergency or a major disaster to exist in this state:

(1) The Governor, with the concurrence of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means or the Emergency Board, if the Legislative Assembly is not in session, is authorized:

(a) To enter into purchase, lease or other arrangements with any agency of the United States for temporary housing units to be occupied by disaster victims and to make the units available to local governments of the state.

(b) To assist any local government of this state which requires temporary housing for disaster victims following the declaration of a state of emergency to acquire and prepare a site to receive and utilize temporary housing units by:

(A) Advancing or lending funds available to the Governor from any appropriation made by the Legislative Assembly or from any other source; and

(B) Passing through funds made available by any public or private agency.

(2) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall prioritize, in its response to the emergency or major disaster, the immediate provision of safe housing to displaced individuals. The provision of such housing must comply with state and federal law relating to housing discrimination.

(b) If federal housing resources are made available to an affected community, and members of the community are ineligible for such resources due to immigration status, the department shall provide equivalent resources to those community members.

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.

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

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