Senate Bill 962
Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

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 develop and implement grant program to distribute moneys to certain counties to fund emergency preparedness coordinators.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to county emergency management.

Whereas it is critical for communities to prepare for disasters and other emergencies, including a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami; and

Whereas statewide emergency preparedness is dependent on local preparedness; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall, by rule, develop and implement a grant program to distribute moneys to eligible counties to fund emergency preparedness coordinators at the county level.

(2) A county is eligible for a grant under the program if:

(a) The emergency management agency of the county is funded by federal moneys distributed through the Emergency Management Performance Grant administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

(b) No city within the county has established an emergency management agency.

(3) The department shall prescribe the process for eligible counties to apply for a grant under this section, including application timelines and the form and contents of an application.

(4) The department shall award grants to selected applicants in an amount sufficient to fund a county emergency preparedness coordinator for one biennium. In selecting counties to be awarded grants under this section, the department shall seek to maximize the overall emergency preparedness of this state, with consideration given to geographic differences in types and severity of potential emergencies.

SECTION 2. 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 $_____ to carry out the purposes of section 1 of this 2023 Act.

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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