

HB 3170 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Action Date: 03/04/25

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 7-0-5-0

Yeas: 7 - Andersen, Edwards, Gamba, Helm, Levy E, Marsh, Neron

Exc: 5 - Levy B, Lively, Osborne, Owens, Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure revises definitions and requirements for a grant program that supports Resilience Hubs and Networks and appropriates money from the General Fund for program grants.

Detailed Summary:

- Adds facilities **created** by specified entities or **any other group or entity in Oregon** to the definition of “Resilience Hub.”
- Specifies that such facilities provide services to help a community respond to and recover from **adverse events and emergencies**, in addition to disasters.
- Revises definition of “Resilience Network” to be an association of entities that collectively supports community members prepare for disruption generated by climate change and other causes, during and after adverse event, emergency, or disaster.
- Directs Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), in consultation with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), to provide **equipment, contracted services, and other support** to Hubs and Networks.
- Specifies individual or organizations **located in Oregon or serving people in Oregon** may apply for grants.
- Requires grant applications include a **description of services** provided to the community by the Hub or Network.
- Directs ODHS, in consultation with ODOE and the Oregon Health Authority, to determine applicant eligibility requirements; types of awards; and eligible equipment, technical assistance, services, and support for grant agreements.
- **Appropriates \$10 million** in General Fund moneys to ODHS to provide grants under the program.
- Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Relevant past legislation
- Oversubscription of appropriated grant moneys
- Purpose of Resilience Hubs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Resilience Hubs are designed to help local communities prepare for and respond to power outages, extreme weather events, and natural disasters. They have been created by cities, community members, and nonprofit organizations in spaces built for the specific purpose of hosting resilience-related events—such as in redesigned shipping containers—and in existing spaces, such as in community and university libraries.

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The resources and services provided by Resilience Hubs and Networks that connect them are tailored to local needs. Some serve as warming or cooling shelters during power outages, while others offer classes for community members, provide education materials in languages other than English, or conduct outreach to vulnerable populations. Examples of cities that have constructed Resilience Hubs in recent years include Miami, Florida; Tempe, Arizona; Baltimore, Maryland; and Portland, Oregon.

House Bill 3409 (2023) directed the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Energy and the Oregon Health Authority, to provide grants, support, and technical assistance for Resilience Hubs and Networks in Oregon.