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Requested by Representative EVANS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 4121**

1       On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 22 and delete pages  
2 2 through 16 and insert:

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4                   **“SPARTICIS**

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6       **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Statewide Preparedness Authority for**  
7 **Response Training and Intergovernmental Continuity of Imperative**  
8 **Services is established as an office within the Oregon Department of**  
9 **Administrative Services. The office is to be known as and may be cited**  
10 **as SPARTICIS.**

11       **“(2) The office is under the supervision and control of the State**  
12 **Resilience Officer, who is responsible for the performance of the du-**  
13 **ties, functions and powers of the office.**

14       **“(3) For purposes of administration, the State Resilience Officer**  
15 **may organize and reorganize the office and appoint administrative**  
16 **personnel as the State Resilience Officer considers necessary to prop-**  
17 **erly conduct the work of the office.**

18       **“(4) The State Resilience Officer may divide the functions of the**  
19 **office into administrative divisions. The State Resilience Officer may**  
20 **appoint an individual to administer each division. The administrator**  
21 **of each division serves at the pleasure of the State Resilience Officer**

1 and is not subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 240. Each individual  
2 appointed under this subsection must be well qualified by technical  
3 training and experience in the functions to be performed by the individual.  
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5 **“(5) The office shall:**

6       **“(a) Provide administrative and operational support for the development of strategic improvements in facilities and programming;**

7       **“(b) Provide oversight for prioritization of funding associated with emergency-related equipment and functions implemented throughout this state;**

8       **“(c) Provide standardization across state agencies for continuity of governance planning, exercises and preparedness;**

9       **“(d) Serve as a platform for development, implementation and assessment of policies adopted by the State Resilience Officer and provide administrative and operational support as directed by the State Resilience Officer;**

10       **“(e) Carry out the duties imposed by sections 2 to 11 of this 2026 Act; and**

11       **“(f) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to the office.**

12       **“(6) The office shall periodically report to the Legislative Assembly on the office’s activities, priorities and project outcomes.**

13       **“(7) The office may adopt rules as necessary to carry out its duties.**

14       **“(1) SPARTICIS shall oversee state strategy relating to regional facilities and capacity related to emergency preparedness.**

15       **“(2) The office shall identify, prioritize and assist in obtaining funding for projects to construct or improve regional facilities.**

16       **“(3) The office shall ensure that the state has a combination of fixed, mobile and transportable supplies that is appropriate for emergency management purposes.**

17       **“(4) The office shall make expenditures, including grants to local**

1 governments, as defined in ORS 174.116, and private entities, that are  
2 consistent with the goal of enhancing regional facilities related to  
3 emergency management. The office may condition grants on matching  
4 contributions or other contributions from recipients.

5 “(5) The office shall monitor the progress of all projects overseen  
6 by the office under this section and publish quarterly reports on such  
7 progress.

8 “(6) The office shall provide administrative support as necessary to  
9 other interagency or intergovernmental bodies related to emergency  
10 management.

11 “**SECTION 3.** The Regional Facilities Account is established in the  
12 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The ac-  
13 count consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or trans-  
14 ferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise.  
15 Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon  
16 Department of Administrative Services for SPARTICIS to carry out  
17 the provisions of section 2 of this 2026 Act.

18 “**SECTION 4.** (1) SPARTICIS shall oversee collaboration, cooper-  
19 ation and coordination between the state and:

20 “(a) Organizations involved in the development, implementation  
21 and sustainment of the emergency supplies and equipment stockpile  
22 plan described in ORS 401.111;

23 “(b) Organizations involved in the development, implementation  
24 and sustainment of the emergency preparedness equipment grant  
25 program described in ORS 401.551; and

26 “(c) Organizations involved in other stockpile or resilience grant  
27 programs carried out by state agencies.

28 “(2) The office may take actions as necessary to ensure that sup-  
29 plies, equipment and other materials are appropriately staged in  
30 preparation for emergencies.

1       “(3) The office shall monitor the progress of all projects overseen  
2 by the office under this section and publish quarterly reports on such  
3 progress.

4       “**SECTION 5.** The Regional Stockpile Support Account is established  
5 in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.  
6 The account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or  
7 transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise.  
8 Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon  
9 Department of Administrative Services for SPARTICIS to carry out  
10 the provisions of section 4 of this 2026 Act.

11       “**SECTION 6.** (1) SPARTICIS shall enhance the emergency  
12 preparedness of this state through education and training as described  
13 in this section.

14       “(2) The office shall collaborate, cooperate and coordinate with ap-  
15 propriate private and public entities with responsibility for the emer-  
16 gency support functions identified by the Federal Emergency  
17 Management Agency to develop regionally specific public safety edu-  
18 cation, live exercises and training with the goal of improving statewide  
19 emergency preparedness.

20       “(3) The office shall develop, or support the development of, multi-  
21 disciplinary, all-hazards emergency response training and exercises.

22       “(4) The office shall monitor the progress of all projects overseen  
23 by the office under this section and publish quarterly reports on such  
24 progress.

25       “**SECTION 7.** The Regional Training Account is established in the  
26 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The  
27 account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or  
28 transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise.  
29 Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon  
30 Department of Administrative Services for SPARTICIS to carry out

1 the provisions of section 6 of this 2026 Act.

2       **“SECTION 8.** (1) SPARTICIS shall collaborate, cooperate and coor-  
3 dinate with state agencies and local governments to develop and  
4 standardize measures for continuity of governance during and after  
5 an emergency that affects normal government operations.

6       “(2) The office shall develop training for state agencies and local  
7 governments related to continuity of governance. The office may per-  
8 form evaluations of continuity of governance measures adopted by  
9 state agencies and local governments.

10      “(3) The office shall monitor development of continuity of  
11 governance measures by state agencies and local governments and  
12 publish quarterly reports on such development until the office deter-  
13 mines that sufficient measures are in place statewide.

14      “(4) The office may provide administrative and operational support  
15 for policies, programs and initiatives of the State Resilience Officer  
16 related to continuity of governance.

17      **“SECTION 9.** The Statewide Continuity of Governance Account is  
18 established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the  
19 General Fund. The account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated,  
20 deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly  
21 or otherwise. Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to  
22 the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for SPARTICIS to  
23 carry out the provisions of section 8 of this 2026 Act.

24      **“SECTION 10.** (1) SPARTICIS shall collaborate, cooperate and co-  
25 ordinate with public and private entities with responsibility for the  
26 emergency support functions identified by the Federal Emergency  
27 Management Agency to identify and implement strategic investments  
28 to enhance the emergency resilience of the state.

29      “(2) The office may issue grants to support strategic investments  
30 described in subsection (1) of this section.

1       “(3) The office shall monitor the progress of projects funded under  
2 this section and shall evaluate, using objective measurements, the  
3 improvements to statewide emergency preparedness attributable to  
4 such projects. The office shall publish quarterly reports on such  
5 progress and improvements.

6        **“SECTION 11.** The Strategic Partnership Account is established in  
7 the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The  
8 account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or  
9 transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise.  
10 Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon  
11 Department of Administrative Services for SPARTICIS to carry out  
12 the provisions of section 10 of this 2026 Act.

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## “SPARC

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16       **“SECTION 12.** (1) The Statewide Preparedness Authority for Re-  
17       sponse Coordination is established as an office within the Department  
18       of Public Safety Standards and Training. The office is to be known as  
19       and may be cited as SPARC.

20       **“(2) The office is under the supervision and control of a facilitator,**  
21 **who is responsible for the performance of the duties, functions and**  
22 **powers of the office.**

23       **“(3) The Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and**  
24 **Training shall appoint the facilitator, who holds office at the pleasure**  
25 **of the director.**

26       **“(4) The facilitator shall be paid a salary as provided by law or, if**  
27 **not so provided, as prescribed by the director, with the approval of the**  
28 **Governor.**

29       **“(5) For purposes of administration, the facilitator may organize**  
30       **and reorganize the office as the facilitator considers necessary to**

1 properly conduct the work of the office.

2       “(6) The facilitator may divide the functions of the office into ad-  
3 ministrative divisions. The facilitator may appoint an individual to  
4 administer each division. The administrator of each division serves at  
5 the pleasure of the facilitator and is not subject to the provisions of  
6 ORS chapter 240. Each individual appointed under this subsection  
7 must be well qualified by technical training and experience in the  
8 functions to be performed by the individual.

9       “(7) The office shall:

10       “(a) Develop a standardized and expandable training environment  
11 for emergency response training in consultation and collaboration  
12 with subject matter experts based on strategic, operational and tac-  
13 tical assessments, evaluations and requirements; and

14       “(b) Plan, develop, construct and operate facilities for emergency  
15 response training until the facilitator determines that the facilities are  
16 fully operational, at which time control of the facilities must be  
17 transferred to the Statewide Regional Training Office established un-  
18 der section 18 of this 2026 Act.

19       “**SECTION 13.** (1) SPARC shall develop and maintain a database to  
20 be known as the All-Hazards Statewide Responder Database. The da-  
21 tabase is to be a centralized and comprehensive repository of infor-  
22 mation regarding individuals and entities with skills or responsibilities  
23 relevant to emergency management.

24       “(2) The office shall negotiate any data sharing agreements with  
25 public and private entities necessary to develop or maintain the data-  
26 base.

27       “(3) The office shall collaborate, cooperate and coordinate with all  
28 appropriate private and public entities with responsibility for the  
29 emergency support functions identified by the Federal Emergency  
30 Management Agency to develop and maintain the database.

1       “(4) In developing the database, the office shall prioritize the  
2 inclusion of formalized emergency response exercise, experience and  
3 training information derived from the Emergency Management Insti-  
4 tute of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the emergency  
5 health care provider registry established under ORS 401.651 to 401.670  
6 and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

7       “(5) The office shall identify, implement and support an appropriate  
8 learning management system to be used in conjunction with the da-  
9 tabase.

10       “(6) The office shall prepare and publish an annual report on the  
11 development, maintenance and use of the database. The report must  
12 include assessments and recommendations for improvement relating  
13 to the operation and security of the database.

14       “(7) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,  
15 shall assist the office in carrying out the provisions of this section  
16 and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, shall  
17 furnish information and advice the office considers necessary to carry  
18 out those provisions.

19       **“SECTION 14.** (1) The All-Hazards Statewide Responder Database  
20 Oversight Authority is created within the Department of Public Safety  
21 Standards and Training. The authority consists of:

22       “(a) The SPARC facilitator;

23       “(b) One member appointed by the Director of the Oregon Depart-  
24 ment of Emergency Management to represent the Oregon Department  
25 of Emergency Management;

26       “(c) One member appointed by the Director of the Department of  
27 Public Safety Standards and Training to represent the Department of  
28 Public Safety Standards and Training;

29       “(d) One member appointed by the Director of the Oregon Depart-  
30 ment of Administrative Services to represent the Oregon Department

## **1 of Administrative Services; and**

2       **“(e) One member appointed by the Director of the Oregon Health**  
3       **Authority to represent the Oregon Health Authority.**

4       “(2) The All-Hazards Statewide Responder Database Oversight Au-  
5       thority shall oversee the development and maintenance of the data-  
6       base described in section 13 of this 2026 Act.

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## **“FUNDING PROVIDED BY SPARC**

10        **“SECTION 15.** (1) SPARC shall distribute moneys, by grant, to de-  
11 velop and operate public safety projects as described in this section.

12       “(2) Before distributing moneys under this section, SPARC shall, in  
13 collaboration with the Department of Public Safety Standards and  
14 Training and the advisory board convened under section 19 of this 2026  
15 Act, develop construction standards for projects, which may include,  
16 without limitation, seismic standards, durability standards and stan-  
17 dards for portions of newly constructed buildings that may be used as  
18 emergency evacuation facilities. A recipient of grant funding under  
19 this section must agree to construct the project in accordance with  
20 applicable standards developed by SPARC.

21       “(3) On or before July 1, 2028, SPARC shall make the following  
22 grants, subject to subsection (2) of this section:

23       **“(a) \$20 million to the Department of Public Safety Standards and**  
24       **Training for a facility in Salem.**

25       **(b) \$20 million to the Department of Public Safety Standards and**  
26 **Training for a facility to operate, and to train individuals for the op-**  
27 **eration of, the emergency communications system, as defined in ORS**  
28 **403.105.**

29        "(c) \$20 million to the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council  
30 to be used for the CORE3 center in Deschutes County.

1       “(4) In the biennium beginning July 1, 2029, SPARC shall make ad-  
2       ditional grants for the projects specified in subsection (3) of this sec-  
3       tion to fund operational costs of the projects. SPARC shall determine  
4       the amount of the grants based on the need demonstrated by the  
5       projects and legislative budgetary authorization.

6       “(5) On or before July 1, 2031, SPARC shall make two grants of up  
7       to \$20 million each to recipients, as described in subsection (7) of this  
8       section, determined through a competitive process. SPARC shall adopt  
9       rules governing the competitive process and shall select recipients so  
10      as to maximize the emergency readiness of the state, taking into  
11      consideration the severity and types of hazards that may affect various  
12      regions of this state. SPARC may not make grants under this sub-  
13      section for projects that received grants under subsection (3) of this  
14      section.

15      “(6) On or before July 1, 2034, SPARC shall make two grants of up  
16      to \$20 million each to recipients determined through a competitive  
17      process as described in subsection (5) of this section. SPARC may not  
18      make grants under this subsection for projects that received grants  
19      under subsection (3) or (5) of this section.

20      “(7) A grant under subsections (5) and (6) of this section may be  
21      made only to a recipient that represents local governments and  
22      emergency management agencies in one of the following regions,  
23      which may be further defined by rules adopted by SPARC:

- 24       “(a) North Coast;
- 25       “(b) Central Coast;
- 26       “(c) South Coast;
- 27       “(d) Metro;
- 28       “(e) Southern;
- 29       “(f) Gorge; or
- 30       “(g) East.

1       **“SECTION 16.** (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, at the  
2 request of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training,  
3 the State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to  
4 ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces \$60 million in  
5 net proceeds for the purposes described in subsection (4) of this sec-  
6 tion, plus an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to  
7 be necessary to pay bond-related costs.

8       “(2) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2029, at the request of the  
9 Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, the State  
10 Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS  
11 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces \$40 million in net  
12 proceeds for the purposes described in subsection (4) of this section,  
13 plus an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be  
14 necessary to pay bond-related costs.

15       “(3) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2033, at the request of the  
16 Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, the State  
17 Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS  
18 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces \$40 million in net  
19 proceeds for the purposes described in subsection (4) of this section,  
20 plus an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be  
21 necessary to pay bond-related costs.

22       “(4) Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under this section must  
23 be transferred to the department to be used by SPARC to issue grants  
24 under section 15 of this 2026 Act.

25       “(5) The Legislative Assembly finds that the use of lottery bond  
26 proceeds will create jobs, further economic development, finance pub-  
27 lic education or restore and protect parks, beaches, watersheds and  
28 native fish and wildlife, and is authorized based on the following  
29 findings:

30       “(a) Developing public safety projects in Oregon will create em-

1 **ployment opportunities in construction and public safety professions;**  
2       **“(b) Public safety projects will help to protect natural resources in**  
3 **Oregon, including native fish and wildlife, against natural and man-**  
4 **made disasters; and**  
5       **“(c) Enhancing Oregon’s ability to prepare for and recover from**  
6 **emergencies will increase investment, business activity and economic**  
7 **development in this state.**

8       **“SECTION 17. Sections 15 and 16 of this 2026 Act are repealed on**  
9 **January 2, 2036.**

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11                   **“STATEWIDE REGIONAL TRAINING OFFICE**

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13       **“SECTION 18. (1) The Statewide Regional Training Office is estab-**  
14 **lished within the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.**

15       **“(2) The office is under the supervision and control of the Statewide**  
16 **Regional Training Officer, who is responsible for the performance of**  
17 **the duties, functions and powers of the office.**

18       **“(3) The Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and**  
19 **Training shall appoint the Statewide Regional Training Officer, who**  
20 **holds office at the pleasure of the director.**

21       **“(4) The Statewide Regional Training Officer shall be paid a salary**  
22 **as provided by law or, if not so provided, as prescribed by the director,**  
23 **with the approval of the Governor.**

24       **“(5) For purposes of administration, the Statewide Regional Train-**  
25 **ing Officer may organize and reorganize the office as the Statewide**  
26 **Regional Training Officer considers necessary to properly conduct the**  
27 **work of the office.**

28       **“(6) The Statewide Regional Training Officer may divide the func-**  
29 **tions of the office into administrative divisions. The Statewide Re-**  
30 **gional Training Officer may appoint an individual to administer each**

1 division. The administrator of each division serves at the pleasure of  
2 the Statewide Regional Training Officer and is not subject to the pro-  
3 visions of ORS chapter 240. Each individual appointed under this sub-  
4 section must be well qualified by technical training and experience in  
5 the functions to be performed by the individual.

6 “(7) The office shall manage and operate facilities for emergency  
7 response training after control of such facilities is transferred to the  
8 office from SPARC under section 12 of this 2026 Act.

9 “(8) The office shall develop and implement a long-term strategy for  
10 operation of the facilities with the goal of optimizing the emergency  
11 preparedness of the state.

12 “(9) The office shall coordinate with the SPARC facilitator to de-  
13 velop and sustain regional training programs.

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#### 15 “DPSST ADVISORY BOARD

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17 “**SECTION 19.** (1) The Department of Public Safety Standards and  
18 Training shall convene an advisory board to advise the department on  
19 emergency resilience strategy. The advisory board may advise on any  
20 of the following, without limitation:

21 “(a) Strategic investments and objectives in the short, medium and  
22 long term;

23 “(b) Placement and distribution of facilities, equipment and sup-  
24 plies;

25 “(c) Standards for regional training; and

26 “(d) Recommendations for legislative changes associated with  
27 statewide emergency resilience.

28 “(2) The department may appoint members to the advisory board  
29 as the department deems necessary or convenient. The department  
30 shall consider, but is not required to appoint, the following as advisory

## **board members:**

**“(a) The State Resilience Officer;**

**“(b) The SPARC facilitator;**

**“(c) A member with expertise in capital projects;**

**“(d) A representative of the Oregon Military Department;**

**“(e) A representative of the Department of the State Fire Marshal;**

**“(f) A representative of the Department of State Police;**

**“(g) A representative of the office related to resilience and emergency management within the Department of Human Services;**

**“(h) A representative of organizations of local governments;**

**“(i) A representative of the Oregon Emergency Management Association; and**

**“(j) A representative of tribal government emergency management agencies.**

**“(3) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the advisory board in the performance of the duties of the advisory board and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the advisory board consider necessary to perform their duties.**

## **“SRO AND SPARC REPORTING**

**“SECTION 20. (1) On or before January 30, 2027, the State Resilience Officer shall report to the standing or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to emergency management on whether the staffing levels of the office of the State Resilience Officer are sufficient to carry out the duties of the office.**

“(2) On or before January 30, 2027, SPARC shall report to the standing or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to emergency management on the amount of state funding necessary or

1   advisable for operational costs of the projects described in section 15  
2   (3) of this 2026 Act.

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4   **“PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE STATE RESILIENCE OFFICER**

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6   **“SECTION 21.** (1) The State Resilience Officer shall identify state  
7   agencies with responsibility for one or more emergency support func-  
8   tions identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

9    “(2) Each state agency identified under subsection (1) of this section  
10   shall designate an employee of the state agency as the Emergency  
11   Management Responsible Officer. This officer shall act as the primary  
12   liaison between the state agency and state authorities related to  
13   emergency management, including SPARC and the Oregon Depart-  
14   ment of Emergency Management.

15    “(3) Each state agency not identified under subsection (1) of this  
16   section shall designate an employee of the state agency as the Conti-  
17   nuity of Governance Responsible Officer. This officer shall act as the  
18   primary liaison between the state agency and SPARTICIS for the  
19   purposes of preparing continuity of governance plans.

20   **“SECTION 22.** Each county shall submit a report to the State  
21   Resilience Officer at least once per biennium on the state of the  
22   county’s emergency preparedness. The report must include:

23    “(1) An assessment of county-level emergency management admin-  
24   istrative support for local first responder agencies and local nonprofit  
25   or volunteer organizations associated with emergency management;

26    “(2) An assessment of county-level strengths and weaknesses relat-  
27   ing to emergency preparedness, response and recovery;

28    “(3) An assessment of regional partnership development; and

29    “(4) Recommendations for structural and systematic improvements.

30   **“SECTION 23.** ORS 401.913 is amended to read:

1       “401.913. (1) The office of State Resilience Officer is created in the office  
2 of the Governor. The office of State Resilience Officer shall direct, implement  
3 and coordinate hazard safety and resilience goal setting and state agency  
4 planning and preparation to improve hazard safety and resilience, including  
5 but not limited to planning and preparation for safety and resilience during  
6 and after earthquake, tsunami, wildfire, flooding and other natural or  
7 manmade events.

8       “(2) The State Resilience Officer shall lead statewide efforts to implement  
9 the Oregon Resilience Plan, the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and other  
10 resilience plans adopted by the state.

11       **“(3) The State Resilience Officer shall facilitate policy standardi-  
12 zation among state agencies, prioritize investments for improving  
13 resilience posture and provide regular reports on state agency  
14 resilience policy compliance, organizational preparedness, continuity  
15 of governance procedures and measures of emergency readiness. Such  
16 reports may be made to the Governor, appropriate committees of the  
17 Legislative Assembly or relevant public safety advisory boards and  
18 commissions.**

19       “[(3)] (4) The State Resilience Officer shall lead executive branch agencies  
20 in continuity of operations planning and continuity of government planning.

21       “[(4)] (5) The Governor shall appoint an individual to serve as the State  
22 Resilience Officer, subject to confirmation by the Senate pursuant to Article  
23 III, section 4, of the Oregon Constitution.

24       “[(5)] (6) The legislative branch of government and the judicial branch  
25 of government shall each select an individual to monitor the effectiveness  
26 of hazard safety and resilience planning in their branch.

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28       **“OREGON DISASTER RECOVERY AUTHORITY**

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30       “**SECTION 24.** (1) The Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority is es-

1    established as an advisory group within the Office of the Governor to  
2    direct emergency recovery in Oregon. The Governor shall determine  
3    the membership of the authority, subject to subsection (2) of this  
4    section.

5    **“(2) The Governor shall appoint at least eight individuals to serve**  
6    **as members of the authority from among state agency leadership, lo-**  
7    **cal emergency managers and others with expertise in emergency**  
8    **management. The Governor shall seek the advice of the Oregon**  
9    **Homeland Security Council when making appointments to the au-**  
10   **thority. Members of the authority serve at the pleasure of the Gover-**  
11   **nor.**

12   **“(3) If the Governor declares a state of emergency under ORS**  
13   **401.165, the Governor may activate the authority. The authority re-**  
14   **mains activated until deactivated by order of the Governor. The au-**  
15   **thority may remain activated notwithstanding the termination of a**  
16   **state of emergency.**

17   **“(4) When activated, the authority shall:**

18      **“(a) Coordinate initial crisis services;**

19      **“(b) Coordinate recovery and mitigation efforts throughout this**  
20   **state, using a framework aligned with emergency support functions**  
21   **as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and**

22      **“(c) Coordinate the provision of emergency funding and other aid**  
23   **to local governments or private entities.**

24   **“(5) A majority of the members of the authority constitutes a quo-**  
25   **rum for the transaction of business.**

26   **“(6) Official action by the authority requires the approval of a ma-**  
27   **jority of the members of the authority.**

28   **“(7) The Governor shall appoint one of the members of the author-**  
29   **ity to serve as chairperson.**

30   **“(8) The authority shall meet at times and places specified by the**

1   **call of the Governor or the chairperson. The authority may meet at**  
2   **times when the authority is not activated to maintain readiness in the**  
3   **event of an emergency.**

4    “(9) The authority may adopt rules necessary for the operation of  
5    the authority.

6    “(10) The Office of the Governor shall provide staff support to the  
7    authority.

8    “(11) Members of the authority are not entitled to compensation or  
9    reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the authority.

10    “(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,  
11    are directed to assist the authority in the performance of the duties  
12    of the authority and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to  
13    confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the  
14    authority consider necessary to perform their duties.

15    “**SECTION 25.** (1) If the Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority es-  
16    tablished under section 24 of this 2026 Act is activated pursuant to a  
17    declaration of emergency, the Governor may hire additional state  
18    agency personnel under this section.

19    “(2) Additional personnel hired under this section:

20      “(a) May be placed at any state agency, including the Office of the  
21      Governor;

22      “(b) Must perform duties related to the emergency, which may in-  
23      clude taking over duties previously performed by other state agency  
24      personnel who have been reassigned to emergency-related tasks; and

25      “(c) Must have their employment terminated no later than the date  
26      the authority is deactivated under section 24 of this 2026 Act.

27      “(3) Notwithstanding any other law relating to state government  
28      employment, additional personnel hired under this section may be re-  
29      cruited and selected through any means the Governor deems appro-  
30      priate.

1       “(4) The Governor’s hiring authority under this section is subject  
2 to the availability of funding. The compensation of additional person-  
3 nel hired under this section may be paid from the Oregon Disaster  
4 Recovery Authority Fund established under section 26 of this 2026 Act.

5       “**SECTION 26.** The Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority Fund is  
6 established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the  
7 General Fund. The Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority Fund consists  
8 of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund  
9 by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the fund are  
10 continuously appropriated to the Office of the Governor to pay for  
11 compensation for personnel hired under section 25 of this 2026 Act.

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13                   **“OREGON PREPAREDNESS GRANT ACCOUNT**

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15       “**SECTION 27.** The Oregon Preparedness Grant Account is estab-  
16 lished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General  
17 Fund. The Oregon Preparedness Grant Account consists of moneys  
18 appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the  
19 Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the account are contin-  
20 uously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Man-  
21 agement for providing grants to local governments, as defined in ORS  
22 174.116, and tribal governments to support their compliance with ORS  
23 401.305 (2).

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25                   **“ODEM DUTIES**

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27       “**SECTION 28.** ORS 401.114 is amended to read:

28       “401.114. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall carry  
29 out the following functions:

30       “(1) Coordinate emergency management functions on a regional basis

1 within this state;

2       “(2) Coordinate training related to emergency response on a regional basis  
3 within this state; [and]

4       “(3) Develop and carry out emergency preparedness exercises on a state-  
5 wide basis[.];

6       **“(4) Oversee collaboration, cooperation and coordination between  
7 the state and organizations involved in the emergency stockpile plan  
8 described in ORS 401.111, the emergency preparedness equipment grant  
9 program described in ORS 401.551 and other stockpile or emergency  
10 preparedness programs carried out by state agencies;**

11       **“(5) Take actions as necessary to ensure that supplies, equipment  
12 and other materials are appropriately staged in preparation for emer-  
13 gencies; and**

14       **“(6) Develop and maintain an inventory plan for the sustainable  
15 procurement, rotation and management of emergency preparedness  
16 assets.**

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## 18           **“RESILIENCE HUBS AND NETWORKS**

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20       **“SECTION 29.** ORS 409.760 is amended to read:

21       “409.760. (1) As used in this section:

22       “(a) ‘Resilience Hub’ means a physical facility that is **created**, operated,  
23 managed or supported by one or more local residents, local governments,  
24 tribal governments, public schools, community-based organizations, faith-  
25 based organizations, nonprofit organizations, [or] nongovernmental organ-  
26 **izations or any other groups or entities located in Oregon**, and that:

27       “(A) Supports the needs of community members or tribal communities,  
28 facilitates gathering and communication, distributes resources and otherwise  
29 enhances quality of life within a community;

30       “(B) Serves as a central point for gathering, information sharing, and

1 coordination in response to a disruption in the community;

2       “(C) Enhances the ability of a community to respond to and recover from

3 a disruption in a community;

4       “(D) Is positioned, operated and resourced on a day-to-day basis, **during**

5 **a disruption and during recovery**, to provide community resources, in-

6 cluding but not limited to food, water, information exchange, electronic

7 charging stations, basic medical supplies and equipment proportionate to the

8 size of the community’s population and needs;

9       “(E) Supports community cache sites and other support for community

10 members who shelter in place;

11       “(F) Can provide child care, training, food distribution and other services

12 that can help a community respond to unmet *[social]* needs to prepare for,

13 respond to and recover from **adverse events, emergencies or** disasters;

14       “(G) Can provide, or can be retrofitted to provide, heating, cooling, air

15 filtration and weather protection; and

16       “(H) Accommodates individuals with accessibility needs.

17       “(b) ‘Resilience Network’ means an association of facilities, organizations,

18 resource providers or service providers *[outside of a physical Resilience Hub*

19 *facility that collectively serve the purposes of a Resilience Hub]* **that collec-**

20 **tively supports community members to prepare for, adapt to or re-**

21 **spond to social, emotional and physical disruption generated by**

22 **ongoing climate change or other causes, and during and after an ad-**

23 **verse event, emergency or disaster.**

24       “(2) The Department of Human Services shall, in consultation with the

25 State Department of Energy and the Oregon Health Authority, provide

26 grants, *[support and technical assistance for]* **equipment, technical assist-**

27 **ance, contracted services and any other type of support to individuals**

28 **or organizations located in Oregon for creating or sustaining** Resilience

29 Hubs and **Resilience** Networks in Oregon. The Department of Human Ser-

30 vices shall award:

1       “(a) Grants for expenses related to planning and organizing Resilience  
2   Hubs and **Resilience** Networks;

3       “(b) Grants to support and expand development and operation of  
4   Resilience Hubs and **Resilience** Networks to ensure that physical facilities  
5   can provide protection from extreme weather, can maintain power and cli-  
6   mate during power outages, have auxiliary communications capabilities and  
7   are resilient following earthquakes, fires, tornadoes, floods, other extreme  
8   weather events and other potential **adverse events, emergencies or**  
9   disasters[, *emergencies or incidents*]; and

10      “(c) Grants for resources and services needed by communities to otherwise  
11   prepare for and respond to **adverse events, emergencies or** disasters.

12      “(3) Individuals or organizations **located in Oregon and serving people**  
13   **in this state** may apply for grants by submitting an application that must  
14   include:

15      “(a) A description of the purposes for which grant moneys will be ex-  
16   pended, **including a description of the services to be provided to the**  
17   **community by the Resilience Hub or Resilience Network**;

18      “(b) A plan for implementing specific strategies to build resilience in a  
19   community;

20      “(c) A description of additional resources available for purposes of the  
21   Resilience Hub or **Resilience** Network;

22      “(d) A description of the project’s ability to serve vulnerable populations  
23   and communities traditionally underrepresented in the public process, in-  
24   cluding communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes,  
25   tribal communities, rural communities, coastal communities, communities  
26   with limited infrastructure, seniors, youth and persons with disabilities; and

27      “(e) Any other information required by the department.

28      “(4) The department shall execute grant agreements with grant recipients  
29   obligating recipients to use grant moneys for purposes specified in the grant  
30   agreements. The department, in consultation with the State Department of

1 Energy and the Oregon Health Authority, shall determine the permissible  
2 purposes, **applicant eligibility requirements, types of awards** for a grant  
3 **and eligible equipment, technical assistance, services and support** un-  
4 der this section based on the needs of the Resilience Hub or **Resilience**  
5 Network. The department shall determine the needs of the Resilience Hub  
6 or **Resilience** Network in consultation with the community, including pop-  
7 ulations described in subsection (3)(d) of this section, within the locality in  
8 which the Resilience Hub or **Resilience** Network operates.

9       “(5) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules necessary for  
10 the administration of this section, including specifying the form and contents  
11 of an application for a grant under this section.

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13                   **“OVERNIGHT TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

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15       **“SECTION 30. Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local**  
16 **law, a facility that receives funding under section 15 of this 2026 Act**  
17 **is authorized to host overnight training activities.**

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19                   **“COUNTY AUTHORITY TO WAIVE CIVIL PENALTIES**

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21       **“SECTION 31. A county governing body may, by order or resol-**  
22 **ution, waive a civil penalty imposed by the Oregon Health Authority**  
23 **or a local health authority under ORS 624.992 if the civil penalty is**  
24 **imposed for a violation that occurred during a state of emergency de-**  
25 **clared under ORS 401.165.**

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27                   **“ONGOING PROGRAM FUNDING**

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29       **“SECTION 32. On or before July 1, 2027, the standing or interim**  
30 **Joint Committee on Ways and Means shall identify a sustainable, on-**

1 going revenue source to pay for programs at facilities funded under  
2 section 15 of this 2026 Act.

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4 **“DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

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6 **“SECTION 33.** The Department of the State Fire Marshal shall  
7 conduct a study of health coverage disparities between paid and vol-  
8 unteer firefighters. The department shall submit a report in the man-  
9 ner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for  
10 legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-  
11 lated to emergency management no later than September 15, 2027.

12 **“SECTION 34.** Section 33 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2,  
13 2028.

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15 **“FINGERPRINTING BY ODEM**

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17 **“SECTION 35.** For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide  
18 criminal records check under ORS 181A.195, the Oregon Department  
19 of Emergency Management shall require the fingerprints of a person  
20 who:

21 **“(1) Is employed or applying for employment by the department; or**

22 **“(2) Provides or seeks to provide services to the department as a  
23 contractor, subcontractor, vendor or volunteer.**

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25 **“PUBLIC AND INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

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27 **“SECTION 36.** Sections 37 to 40 of this 2026 Act are added to and  
28 made a part of ORS chapter 401.

29 **“SECTION 37.** (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Manage-  
30 ment shall establish and administer a state infrastructure emergency

1 recovery grant program, to be known as the Oregon Public Assistance  
2 Grant Program, to issue grants to qualified recipients, subject to  
3 available funding.

4 “(2) Grants under the program must be used to pay for work per-  
5 formed before, during or after an emergency to protect public health,  
6 safety or property, including, without limitation, debris removal and  
7 work to protect or restore public services or public infrastructure.

8 “(3) The Governor may activate the program if:

9 “(a) The Governor determines that an emergency has occurred or  
10 is imminent and finds that assistance from the state is warranted; and

11 “(b) The department recommends that the program be activated.

12 “(4) The Governor shall inactivate the program when the Governor  
13 finds that assistance from the state is no longer warranted.

14 “(5) While the program is active, the department may issue grants  
15 to qualified recipients pursuant to requests from counties or tribal  
16 entities. A request on behalf of a city may be made by the county in  
17 which a geographic majority of the city lies. Requests must be in  
18 writing and must include the following information:

19 “(a) Confirmation that the requester has taken appropriate action  
20 under the local emergency plan;

21 “(b) An estimate of the amount and severity of damages and losses  
22 and a description of the impact of the emergency on the public and  
23 private sectors;

24 “(c) A description of the nature and amount of local resources  
25 which have been or will be committed to alleviate the results of the  
26 emergency;

27 “(d) A preliminary estimate of the types and amount of supple-  
28 mentary state emergency assistance needed; and

29 “(e) A certification by the requester that the obligations and ex-  
30 penditures for the current emergency will comply with all applicable

1 cost sharing requirements agreed between the department and the re-  
2 quester.

3       “(6) The department may adopt rules to administer and implement  
4 the provisions of this section, including rules governing eligibility re-  
5 quirements, the form and manner of requests and evaluation of re-  
6 quests by the department.

7       “(7) As used in this section, ‘qualified recipient’ means:

8           “(a) A state agency;

9           “(b) A local government;

10           “(c) A federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon;

11           “(d) A school district or education service district; and

12           “(e) A nonprofit organization that provides critical services or es-  
13 sential social services, such as a hospital, long term care facility,  
14 school, community center, food assistance program or shelter.

15       “**SECTION 38.** The Oregon Public Assistance Grant Program Ac-  
16 count is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from  
17 the General Fund. Interest earned by the account must be credited to  
18 the account. The account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated,  
19 deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly  
20 or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the account. The  
21 moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon  
22 Department of Emergency Management to carry out the Oregon Pub-  
23 lic Assistance Grant Program described in section 37 of this 2026 Act.  
24 The department shall ensure that no more than 10 percent of the  
25 moneys in the account are used to pay costs of coordination and dis-  
26 tribution of assistance under the program.

27       “**SECTION 39.** (1) The Department of Human Services shall estab-  
28 lish and administer an individual grant program, to be known as the  
29 Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program, to issue grants to ad-  
30 dress critical emergency-related needs of qualified individuals, subject

1 to available funding.

2 “(2) The Governor may activate the program if:

3 “(a) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management recom-  
4 mends that the program be activated, the Governor determines that  
5 an emergency has occurred or is imminent and the Governor finds  
6 that assistance from the state is warranted; or

7 “(b) The Governor has declared an emergency under ORS 401.165.

8 “(3) The Governor shall inactivate the program when the Governor  
9 finds that assistance from the state is no longer warranted.

10 “(4) While the program is active, the Department of Human Ser-  
11 vices may issue grants pursuant to requests from counties or tribal  
12 entities. A request on behalf of a city may be made by the county in  
13 which a geographic majority of the city lies. Requests must be in  
14 writing and must include the following information:

15 “(a) Confirmation that the requester has taken appropriate action  
16 under the local emergency plan;

17 “(b) An estimate of the amount and severity of damages and losses  
18 and a description of the impact of the emergency on individuals and  
19 households;

20 “(c) A description of the nature and amount of local resources  
21 which have been or will be committed to alleviate the results of the  
22 emergency; and

23 “(d) A preliminary estimate of the types and amount of supple-  
24 mentary state emergency assistance needed.

25 “(5) Grants under the program may be used only to pay for:

26 “(a) The provision of services to qualified individuals for critical  
27 emergency-related needs, which may include, without limitation:

28 “(A) Temporary rental assistance;

29 “(B) Hazard mitigation assistance;

30 “(C) Repair or replacement of owner-occupied homes that serve as

1    a primary residence, including repair or replacement of privately  
2    owned access routes;

3        "(D) Assistance with immediate needs;

4        "(E) Essential personal property assistance;

5        "(F) Assistance with other serious needs that are not covered by  
6    insurance; and

7        "(G) Other critical emergency recovery services as approved by the  
8    Oregon Department of Emergency Management; and

9        "(b) Agreements with local governments, tribal entities or disaster  
10   recovery organizations for the delivery of services described in para-  
11   graph (a) of this subsection, including payments for staffing or other  
12   administrative needs.

13       "(6) Assistance to individuals may be in the form of direct financial  
14   assistance or payments to another entity on behalf of individuals.

15       "(7) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the  
16   Oregon Department of Emergency Management, may adopt rules to  
17   administer and implement the provisions of this section.

18       "(8) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management, in con-  
19   sultation with the Department of Human Services, shall update the  
20   statewide emergency management plan prepared under ORS 401.052 to  
21   incorporate the Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program into  
22   statewide disaster response and recovery planning. The plan must in-  
23   clude, without limitation, provisions for equitable distribution of as-  
24   sistance, coordination with local governments and community-based  
25   organizations, and integration with federal recovery programs when  
26   applicable.

27       "(9) As used in this section:

28       "(a) 'Hazard mitigation' means actions taken to reduce impacts of  
29   future emergencies.

30       "(b) 'Immediate need' means:

1       **“(A) A life-saving or life-sustaining item or activity that is essential**  
2 **to prevent, mitigate or overcome an adverse condition caused by an**  
3 **emergency; and**

4      **“(B) Other equipment that is essential for daily household needs.**

5        “(c) ‘Qualified individual’ means:

6       “(A) An individual who is displaced by an emergency from the  
7 individual’s primary residence;

8       **“(B) An individual whose primary residence is rendered**  
9 **uninhabitable by an emergency; or**

10       **(C) An individual with a disability whose primary residence is**  
11 **rendered inaccessible or uninhabitable to the individual as a result of**  
12 **damage caused by an emergency.**

13        **“SECTION 40. The Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program**  
14        Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct  
15        from the General Fund. Interest earned by the account must be cred-  
16        ited to the account. The account consists of moneys appropriated, al-  
17        located, deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative  
18        Assembly or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the account.  
19        The moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the  
20        Oregon Department of Emergency Management. The department may  
21        make moneys in the account available to the Department of Human  
22        Services to carry out the Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program  
23        described in section 39 of this 2026 Act.

## “CAPTIONS

27       **“SECTION 41.** The unit captions used in this 2026 Act are provided  
28 only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the  
29 statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the  
30 enactment of this 2026 Act.”.

