

Emergency Preparedness



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Emergency Preparedness policy measures that received a public hearing in a policy committee during the **2025** regular legislative session. The report is organized by subtopics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

Emergency Preparedness Subtopics:

- Disaster & Emergency Preparedness
- Emergency Coordination & Communication
- Public Employee Benefits & Compensation

Disaster & Emergency Preparedness

SB 393	✗	The measure would have directed the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to study the potential effects of solar events on the well-being of Oregonians. It would have defined solar events as solar flares or coronal mass ejections resulting in geomagnetic effects on the earth.
SB 505 A	✗	The measure would have required the Department of Emergency Management to develop and implement a grant program to distribute money to eligible coastal counties for county-level emergency preparedness coordinators and appropriated \$2,380,000 to the Department for this purpose.
SB 823	✓	The measure allows the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to purchase or contract for any materials, supplies, and equipment, including motor vehicles, which the Department deems necessary to carry out its duties.
SB 1035 A	✗	The measure would have established a pilot program for firefighting purposes at the Burns Municipal and La Grande/Union County Airports, directing the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) to maintain specified vehicle fleets.
HB 2136	✗	The measure would have directed the Department of Emergency Management to develop and implement an infrastructure improvement grant program for fairgrounds designated as emergency evacuation sites.
HB 2151	✗	The measure would have added additional uses for moneys in the Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund and allowed the transfer of funds to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to support earthquake early detection and alerts.

HB 2152 A	✗	The measure would have required the Oregon Department of Energy to develop the Statewide Geographic Diversity of Fueling Stations for Disaster Reserves Priority Action Plan.
HB 2384	✓	The measure extends the sunset date for fees related to the High Hazard Train Route Oil Spill Preparedness Fund and the Oil and Hazardous Material Transportation by Rail Action Fund to July 1, 2029. It redefines the definitions of "oil" and "tank railroad car" with regard to high hazard train routes. Note: This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Transportation and Infrastructure.
HB 2693	✗	The measure would have authorized the issuance of lottery bonds for deposit in the Levee Project Grant Fund.
HB 2726	✗	The measure would have authorized the issuance of lottery bonds to establish the Columbia Corridor Flood Safety Project.
HB 2753	✗	The measure would have authorized issuance of Article XI-Q bonds in an amount that produces \$15 million of net proceeds for the Oregon Department of Emergency Management's SPIRE grant program.
HB 2858 A	✗	The measure would have created the Oregon Statewide Preparedness Authority for Response Training and Intergovernmental Continuity of Imperative Services (SPARTICIS) as an office within the Department of Administrative Services. It would have created new systems and structures to plan and improve emergency response in Oregon.
HB 2949 A	✗	The measure would have required owners and operators of bulk oil or liquid fuel terminals located in Columbia, Multnomah, or Lane County that are primarily engaged in the transport or bulk storage of oils or liquid fuel products, to acquire and maintain a certificate of financial responsibility in accordance with rules adopted by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission.
HB 3084	✗	The measure would have directed specific state agencies to collaborate with local and regional officials to develop the CORE3 Center, and it would have appropriated funding to the project.
HB 3349	✓	The measure adds to the authority of the State Forestry Department, creates the Rangeland Protection Association Fund, appropriates \$1 million from the General Fund to the State Forestry Department for deposit in the Rangeland Protection Association Fund, and makes changes to the authority of the State Forester.
HB 3350 A	✗	The measure would have appropriated \$1 million in funding to the State Department of Forestry for deposit in the Rangeland Protection Association Fund.



HB 3366	✗	The measure would have appropriated \$8.25 million of general funds to the Department of Administrative Services for the Rogue Siskiyou Training Center.
HB 3450 A	✗	The measure would have required the Oregon Department of Energy to develop an energy storage transition plan for the critical energy infrastructure hub.
HB 3492 A	✗	The measure would have directed the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to study risks related to earthquake-induced toxic inhalation.
HB 3788 A	✗	The measure would have directed the Oregon Business Development Department to develop and administer a grant program to certain hospitals located near tsunami inundation zones for emergency fuel and water storage.
HB 3870	✗	The measure would have appropriated general funds to the Oregon Business Development Department for disbursement to local governments and entities for purposes of public safety.

Emergency Coordination & Communication

SB 234	✓	The measure changes the date from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026, by which the Oregon Department of Emergency Management must maintain a system for the notification and interagency coordination of state resources in response to emergencies involving multiple jurisdictions.
SB 826	✓	The measure transfers duties, functions, and powers from the State Chief Information Officer regarding the Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.
SB 860	✓	The measure modifies the authority of the Department of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and its designated representatives regarding fire protection, education, emergency authorities, and investigation. It amends statutes related to the Governor's Fire Service Policy Council.
SB 861	✓	The measure includes grant funds, reimbursements, and moneys received from judgments and settlements as funds in the State Fire Marshal Mobilization Fund. It requires that the Department of the State Fire Marshal submit a report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means on the amounts in the Fund and expenditures from the Fund on or before March 31 of each odd-numbered year.
SB 862	✓	The measure modifies fire district names, in addition to posting and reporting requirements to the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and directs the OSFM to adopt a base fire prevention code publicly accessible online.



- HB 2346 A ✗ The measure would have created the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management within the Department of Human Services.
- HB 2581 ✓ The measure expands duties of the State Resilience Officer (SRO) from covering seismic safety and resilience to include hazards more broadly, including but not limited to during and after earthquakes, tsunamis, wildfires, and flooding. It directs the SRO to lead statewide efforts to implement specified resilience plans, along with leading executive branch agencies in continuity of operations and government planning.
- HB 3572 A ✗ The measure would have directed the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program to develop and implement a 10-year strategic plan, created the EMS Program Fund to provide funds to regional EMS advisory boards, permitted the Governor and the State Fire Marshal to order EMS resources and equipment be made available in response to an emergency, and allocated money from the General Fund to support EMS Program activities.
- Note:** This measure is cross-listed in the Summary of Legislation Summary Report on Health Care.
- HB 3754 ✗ The measure would have required the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to develop a registry of people willing and able to provide volunteer services related to emergency response. It would have required the department to provide training to volunteers listed in the registry and would have required the Legislature dedicate unexpended funds to emergency volunteer purposes.
- HB 3798 ✗ The measure would have required the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to collaborate with the State Fire Marshall to deliver training to emergency responders on responding to lithium-ion battery and electric vehicle fires. It would have appropriated \$1 million in general funds to deliver the training.

Public Employee Benefits & Compensation

- HB 3077 ✗ The measure would have allowed local government employees to volunteer for up to 30 days in a year to support wildland fire suppression in emergency situations.
- HB 3150 ✗ The measure would have created an income tax credit of \$1,000 to individuals who provided volunteer firefighting services in accordance with stipulated requirements.



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