2022 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY REPORT

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Emergency Preparedness policy measures that received a public hearing during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session. The report includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [X]; and a brief description of the measure.

- SB 1517 Would have required that declarations and extensions of states of emergency made under specified statutes be accompanied by written explanations.
- SB 1567 Requires owners and operators of bulk oil and liquid fuel terminals located in Columbia, Multnomah, or Lane County conduct seismic vulnerability assessments and implement seismic risk mitigation plans approved by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The measure also requires the Oregon Department of Energy to develop an energy security plan.
- HB 4067 Revises the organizational and financial structure of Multnomah County's Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District as the District's board transitions from the initial board implemented after the passage of Senate Bill 431 (2019) to a permanent one.
- ✓ Transfers the Oregon Homeland Security Council and the Oregon Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. The measure requires state agencies and county governments to conduct emergency response exercises. Directs the Oregon Homeland Security Council to develop a plan for a disaster preparedness stockpile. Lastly, the measure directs the Department of Environmental Quality to prioritize persons affected by wildfires in 2020 when providing financial assistance related to onsite septic systems.
- HB 4087 Requires public bodies to allow news media representatives access to scenes of wildfires or natural disasters on public lands that are otherwise closed to the public, sets conditions for allowing or limiting access, and requires the Office of Emergency Management to convene stakeholders to develop training and other guidelines by September 1, 2022.