

2021 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY REPORT

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Emergency Preparedness policy measures that received a public hearing during the 2021 Regular Legislative Session. The report is organized by sub-topics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

Emergency Preparedness policy sub-topics:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Disaster Response
- Emergency Coordination and Communication
- Emergency Responders
- Recovery Efforts
- Resilience

Disaster Preparedness

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| HB 2233 | ✗ | Would have established Emergency Shelter Task Force. |
| HB 2235 | ✗ | Would have directed Office of Emergency Management to study and make recommendations on emergency workforce needs in the event of a major emergency. |
| HB 2426 | ✓ | Directs Oregon Homeland Security Council to update the list of equipment for the State Preparedness and Incident Response Grant Program before January 1, 2022, prioritizing urban search and rescue equipment and grant requests from certain search and rescue teams. |
| HB 2461 A | ✗ | Would have directed Oregon Homeland Security Council to create the Oregon Critical Disaster Preparedness Stockpile to ensure a robust stock of emergency supplies and equipment. |
| HB 2882 | ✗ | Would have directed Oregon Homeland Security Council to update list of equipment for State Preparedness and Incident Response Grant Program before January 1, 2022. |
| HB 2883 A | ✗ | Would have created Oregon Public Places Are Safe Places Investment Fund and advisory committee to support ongoing development of disaster response staging areas. |
| HB 2891 | ✗ | Would have required health care facilities and providers, local public health authorities, and public and private safety agencies to maintain sufficient |

Disaster Preparedness, cont'd

amount of necessary supplies to continue at normal operations, for 120 days at a 25 percent mortality rate.

- HB 2896 ✗ Would have directed Office of Emergency Management to conduct annual multidisciplinary, all-hazards emergency response exercise.
- HB 2897 A ✗ Would have required all elected officials, state agency heads, and management personnel in state government to complete introductory courses on incident command structure.

Disaster Response

- HB 2304 ✗ Would have established Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority.
- HB 2305 ✗ Would have authorized Governor, if necessitated by emergency, to require any person in this state to accept and fulfill orders for manufacture, sale, or distribution of certain goods.
- HB 2308 ✗ Would have authorized Governor, if necessitated by emergency, to require any person in this state to accept and fulfill orders for manufacture, sale, or distribution of certain goods.
- HB 2893 ✗ Would have established Oregon Disaster Response Assistance Matching Fund.

Emergency Coordination and Communication

- SB 105 ✗ Would have transferred Oregon State Police (OSP) responsibilities relating to the Oregon Emergency Response System to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) operative July 1, 2022 and authorized OSP and OEM to take enabling actions before the operative date.
- SB 288 A ✗ Would have represented the most recent evolution and refinement of Oregon's emergency preparedness, response, and recovery planning efforts. It included faith-based and community organizations, targeted certain declarations of emergency, and directed the Oregon Business Development Department to administer the Unreinforced Masonry Seismic Safety Program to disburse grants to improve the safety and resiliency of qualifying structures during an earthquake.
- SB 363 A ✗ Would have appropriated \$1.4 million out of the General Fund to the Oregon Military Department for the acquisition of certain emergency response broadcasting equipment and system upgrades.

Emergency Coordination and Communication, cont'd

- HB 2425 A ✗ Would have directed Office of Emergency Management to administer grant program in support of projects to consolidate and modernize or upgrade public safety answering points.
- HB 2894 ✗ Would have directed Office of Emergency Management to create and maintain database for flagging of known or suspected hazardous locations during emergency.
- HB 2927 A ✓ Would have renamed Office of Emergency Management and Office of State Fire Marshal and establishes each as an independent state agency. Created the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council and the Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council; made changes to Oregon Homeland Security Council.

Emergency Responders

- SB 104 ✓ Expands the “first informer broadcaster” statute to provide for the credentialing of additional critical service providers by the Office of Emergency Management or others if certain criteria are met, to streamline such providers’ access and ability to function in emergencies.
- HB 2237 ✗ Would have directed Office of Emergency Management to create and maintain a roster of students at post-secondary institutions who are available for temporary emergency-related work.
- HB 2295 ✗ Would have provided that a fire chief, or representative of a fire chief or county may extinguish uncontrolled fire found to be burning in unprotected area.
- HB 2593 ✓ Permits Office of Emergency Management to enter into agreement with a nonprofit organization representing sheriffs under which the organization is authorized to administer a program to produce and sell outdoor recreation search and rescue cards.
- HB 2890 ✗ Would have directed Office of Emergency Management to create and maintain a registry of persons able and willing to provide services related to emergency response.

Recovery Efforts

- SB 531 ✗ Would have established right to reimbursement from the state of actual damages incurred by businesses as a result of temporary or permanent cessation of business operations caused by specified declaration of emergency.

Recovery Efforts, cont'd

- HB 2236 ✗ Would have established the Task Force on Rural Fire Protection Districts Community Development.
- HB 2850 ✗ Would have allowed Governor to establish economic recovery zones after the termination of a state of emergency.

Resilience

- HB 2234 ✗ Would have directed the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to create appropriate specialty codes standards, safeguards and guidelines for incorporating fire prevention and fireproofing or fire resistance measures into the construction, repair, renovation, rehabilitation, retrofitting or maintenance of buildings and other structures that are located in areas of Oregon that are susceptible to wildfires; it also required the owners of such buildings and structures obtain and maintain a fire insurance policy with a level of coverage that would allow the owner to rebuild or replace building or structure.
- HB 2851 A ✗ Would have appropriated funds for Oregon Safety Assessment Program, the Nesika Beach Ophir Water District, the State Fire Marshal to study and develop recommendations regarding Rural Fire Protection Districts, and for ten additional positions within Office of Emergency Management.
- HB 2881 ✗ Would have directed Department of Consumer and Business Services to assess a \$15 fee for limited plan reviews for fire and life safety to be deposited into the State Fire Marshal Fund for the Oregon Safety Assessment Program.
- HB 2892 ✗ Would have appropriated additional funds from the state's General Fund to the State Fire Marshal to cover personnel costs related to the Oregon Safety Assessment Program.
- HB 2898 ✗ Would have imposed a nine-dollar surtax on income tax liability and deposited the proceeds of the surtax into the Resiliency Grant Fund, starting with the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2022.
- HB 3160 A ✗ Would have established the Oregon Wildfire Preparedness and Community Protection Fund (OWPACPF) to support the Office of State Fire Marshal, State Forestry Department, and the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund for activities related to the restoration, protection, and recovery from wildfires. Would have provided a \$45 million appropriation to the OWPACPF.