

Senate Bill 3

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY

SUMMARY

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Requires Director of Office of Emergency Management to develop grant program for seismic rehabilitation of certain critical public buildings. Directs creation of grant committee. Specifies membership of committee. Allows Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission and State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to participate in grant program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to seismic rehabilitation; creating new provisions; amending ORS 401.270 and 401.343; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2005 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 401.260 to**
6 **401.325.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) The Director of the Office of Emergency Management, pursuant to the**
8 **authority to administer grant programs for seismic rehabilitation provided in ORS 401.270,**
9 **shall develop a grant program for the disbursement of funds for the seismic rehabilitation**
10 **of critical public buildings, including hospital buildings with acute inpatient care facilities,**
11 **fire stations, police stations, sheriffs' offices, other facilities used by state, county, district**
12 **or municipal law enforcement agencies and buildings with a capacity of 250 or more persons**
13 **that are routinely used for student activities by kindergarten through grade 12 public**
14 **schools, community colleges, education service districts and institutions of higher education.**

15 **(2) The grant program shall include the appointment of a grant committee. The grant**
16 **committee may be composed of any number of persons with qualifications that the director**
17 **determines necessary. However, the director shall include persons with experience in ad-**
18 **ministering state grant programs and representatives of entities with responsibility over**
19 **critical public buildings. The director shall also include as permanent members represen-**
20 **tatives of:**

- 21 **(a) The Department of Human Services;**
22 **(b) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries;**
23 **(c) The Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission; and**
24 **(d) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services.**

25 **(3) The director shall determine the form and method of applying for grants from the**
26 **grant program, the eligibility requirements for grant applicants, and general terms and re-**
27 **payment obligations of the grants. Additionally, the grant process may:**

28 **(a) Require that the grant applicant provide matching funds for completion of any seis-**
29 **mic rehabilitation project.**

30 **(b) Provide that the grant committee review grant applications and make a determination**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 of funding based on a scoring system that is directly related to the statewide needs database.

2 (c) Provide authority to the grant committee to waive requirements of the grant program
 3 based on special circumstances such as proximity to fault hazards, community value of the
 4 structure, emergency functions provided by the structure and storage of hazardous materi-
 5 als.

6 (d) Allow an applicant to appeal any determination of grant funding to the director for
 7 reevaluation.

8 (e) Provide that applicants release the state, the director and the grant committee from
 9 any claims of liability for providing funding for seismic rehabilitation.

10 (f) Provide separate rules for funding rehabilitation of structural and nonstructural
 11 building elements.

12 (4) Subject to the grant rules established by the director and subject to reevaluation by
 13 the director, the grant committee has the responsibility to review and make determinations
 14 on grant applications under the grant program established pursuant to this section.

15 **SECTION 3.** ORS 401.270 is amended to read:

16 401.270. The Director of the Office of Emergency Management shall be responsible for coordi-
 17 nating and facilitating emergency planning, preparedness, response and recovery activities with the
 18 state and local emergency services agencies and organizations, and shall, with the approval of the
 19 Superintendent of State Police or as directed by the Governor:

20 (1) Make rules that are necessary and proper for the administration and implementation of ORS
 21 401.015 to 401.105, 401.260 to 401.325, 401.355 to 401.580 and 401.706;

22 (2) Coordinate the activities of all public and private organizations specifically related to pro-
 23 viding emergency services within this state;

24 (3) Maintain a cooperative liaison with emergency management agencies and organizations of
 25 local governments, other states and the federal government;

26 (4) Have such additional authority, duties and responsibilities authorized by ORS 401.015 to
 27 401.105, 401.260 to 401.325 and 401.355 to 401.580 or as may be directed by the Governor;

28 (5) Administer grants relating to emergency program management, **seismic rehabilitation** and
 29 emergency services for the state;

30 (6) Provide for and staff a State Emergency Operations Center to aid the Governor and the Of-
 31 fice of Emergency Management in the performance of duties under ORS 401.015 to 401.105, 401.260
 32 to 401.325, 401.355 to 401.580 and 401.706;

33 (7) Serve as the Governor's authorized representative for coordination of certain response ac-
 34 tivities and managing the recovery process;

35 (8) Establish training and professional standards for local emergency program management per-
 36 sonnel;

37 (9) Establish task forces and advisory groups to assist the office in achieving mandated respon-
 38 sibilities; and

39 (10) Enforce compliance requirements of federal and state agencies for receiving funds and
 40 conducting designated emergency functions.

41 **SECTION 4.** ORS 401.343 is amended to read:

42 401.343. (1) The mission of the Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission shall be to reduce
 43 exposure to earthquake hazards in Oregon by:

44 (a) Developing and influencing policy at the federal, state and local levels;

45 (b) Facilitating improved public understanding and encouraging identification of risk;

1 (c) Supporting research and special studies;

2 (d) Supporting appropriate mitigation; *[and]*

3 (e) Supporting response and recovery; **and**

4 **(f) Supporting and assisting in the coordination of a grant program for the disbursement**
5 **of funds for seismic rehabilitation of schools and emergency facilities.**

6 (2) The commission shall utilize and influence existing agencies and institutions in meeting its
7 goals and is in no way intended to replace or compete with existing authorities relative to earth-
8 quakes. Emphasis shall be on coordination and linking of existing resources and authorities.

9 (3) To improve public understanding of earthquake hazards, reduce such hazards and mitigate
10 the possible effects of potentially damaging earthquakes, the commission shall review and advise the
11 Governor and the Legislative Assembly concerning all plans and proposals addressing seismic haz-
12 ards in the areas of:

13 (a) Any legislative proposals.

14 (b) Plans and proposals of statewide impact.

15 (c) Lists of recommendations for actions and potential rule changes specifically by state agency.

16 **SECTION 5. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
17 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect**
18 **on its passage.**

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