

HB 3394 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes local governments to assess system development charges for disaster resilience and mitigation. Requires 10 percent of system development charges to be spent on state disaster resilience and mitigation and priorities, and 90 percent to be spent on local and regional resilience and mitigation priorities.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact

REVENUE: May have revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

System Development Charges (SDCs) are one-time fees assessed by many cities on new development, and certain types of redevelopment, to help defray costs associated with increased use on existing, under construction, or planned city infrastructure needed to serve the development. Cities have been collecting SDCs since the 1970s. In 1989, the Oregon legislature adopted statutes to govern the use of SDCs in an effort to create a uniform statewide system. State law authorizes local governments to assess SDCs and specifies how, when, and for what capital improvements they may be imposed, which now consist of: water supply, treatment, and distribution; waste water collection, transmission, treatment and disposal; drainage and flood control; transportation; and parks and recreation. House bill 3394 adds "disaster resilience and mitigation" to the list, to permit cities to impose a SDC fee. Disaster resilience and mitigation is defined as, "work done to anticipate or reduce risks to property or health resulting from disasters, including but not limited to earthquakes, landslides, avalanches, volcanic eruptions, floods and other hydrological disasters, storms and other metrological disasters, wildfires and attack." The measure also requires 10% of SDCs to be spent on state disaster resilience and mitigation priorities, and 90% to be spent on local or regional disaster resilience or mitigation priorities.