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Administering Agency:	Oregon House of Representatives
Program/Project Name:	<i>House Resolution 0003 – Creating the Oregon Resilience Plan</i>
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Program Summary

Following an editorial calling for resilience planning for a Cascadia earthquake and tsunami and then witnessing the devastation from the very similar Tohoku, Japan 3/11/11 event, Representative Deborah Boone sponsored House Resolution 0003 to mandate the development of a state-wide resilience plan for Oregon's inevitable M9 event. It passed unanimously in the House of Representatives with major sponsorship from the Oregon Senate. The Resolution directed the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC) to lead and coordinate the preparation of an Oregon Resilience Plan (ORP). The Resolution called on OSSPAC to include the Governor's Public Safety Advisor, State agencies, Commissions, and other advisory bodies as needed. Its goal was to get an integrated view of state capabilities and gaps in resilience planning.

This was the first time that a State Legislature requested a state-wide resilience plan directed to a specific seismic event that put the entire state at risk. It also was unusual in the breadth of its scope, and addressed the need to establish Critical Transportation Infrastructure to provide reliable lifelines for emergency response and economic recovery following a Cascadia Earthquake and Tsunami, called for the seismic upgrades of public buildings, made special note of continuing to seismically upgrade schools, and invest in additional tsunami evacuation options for the Oregon coastal communities.

The approved Resolution – which passed the Legislature in 2011 – indicated that the ORP should be presented to the Legislative Assembly no later than February 28, 2013, a date OSSPAC met. They completed the plan with the help of 169 contributors, including members of 8 work task committees and an independent advisory committee. After its delivery, the ORP was reviewed at five joint Senate-House legislative committee hearings in the 2013 Legislative session, resulting in the passage of Senate Bill 33, which created an Implementation Task Force (ITF) made up of members of the Governor's Office, the Legislature, State Agencies, scientific community, OSSPAC, the private sector, non-profit sector, special districts, League of Oregon Cities, and the Association of Oregon Counties to make recommendations of how to implement the Oregon Resilience Plan. ITF recommendations and priorities are to be delivered to the 2015 legislature.

More information can be found at:

http://www.oregon.gov/omd/oem/pages/osspace/osspace.aspx#Oregon_Resilience_Plan