Seismic Safety, Repairs and Upgrades

Issue:
Providing for structural and non-structural upgrades to meet current seismic standards in buildings used or inhabited by minors.

Findings:
The State of Oregon lies within an active seismic zone that could, at any time, experience a seismic event, resulting in structural and non-structural damage to buildings and infrastructure, coastal inundation, and flooding.

The State of Oregon has a duty to protect children (minors) in the care of public and private facilities, including but not limited to: hospitals, nurseries, daycare facilities, public and private kindergarten, grade schools, middle schools, and high schools.

All children (minors) situated in facilities, of the type or nature cited above are presumed to have a parent(s) that pay taxes in Oregon and are all equally entitled to the protection of the State.

Children (minors) congregated in facilities, of the type or nature cited above, during a seismic event are (and without consent) subject to severe hazard of injury or death.

Such risk of severe injury or death is unacceptable, therefore be it resolved:

Policy:
It shall be the policy of the State of Oregon to allow all operators, both public and private, access to state funds and financing programs intended for the purpose of mitigating against the possible effects of a seismic event.