



# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

## Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission

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Governor Kate Brown  
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Dear Governor Brown and members of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly:

The understanding that an M 9.0 Cascadia earthquake will someday impact Oregon and the Pacific Northwest is becoming more real every day to people from the coast to central Oregon. As we accept this inevitability, the stakes become higher and the choices become clearer on what steps we must begin to take over the coming decades to reduce this risk, at least for our children and their children.

Our last report to the Governor's office and the Legislature was the delivery of the Oregon Resilience Plan (ORP) in 2013. We fully support the recommendations of the 2014 Oregon Resilience Implementation Task Force as a good first step in implementing the numerous recommendations of the ORP over the next 25 biennia. It is also significant that the creation of a State Resilience Officer is at the top of the Task Force recommendations. This Policy Advisor position is critical for orchestrating resilience on a day-to-day basis across state agencies, maintaining progress and accountability of this long-term effort, and creatively leveraging innovative partnerships with the private sector.

As the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature enters its remaining weeks, OSSPAC encourages our elected State leaders to support and pass these Oregon Resilience Plan Bills that have been unanimously approved in their committees and moved to Ways and Means.

HB 2270 Creates office of State Resilience Officer in office of Governor to direct, coordinate and oversee seismic safety and resilience planning and preparation by state agencies.

HB 3447 Directs Land Conservation and Development Commission to develop guidelines for tsunami resilience planning and to require local governments that have communities at substantial risk of experiencing severe impact from tsunami inundation to plan for tsunami resilience. (Focusing on risk reduction and recovery planning).

SB 94A Directs Land Conservation and Development Commission to require local governments in which there are communities at substantial risk of experiencing severe impact from tsunami inundation to plan for tsunami resilience. (Amendments support local emergency response and improved security for our liquid fuel supply).

SB 808A Establishes task force to review established state and local plans and make recommendations to prepare for and respond to catastrophic consequences and mass displacement that may result from naturally occurring seismic events. (Emphasis on shelter, mass care, and transitional housing for thousands of displaced residents).

The investments in these four Resilience Bills will not only bring dividends of benefits for Oregon's State-wide and community scale capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from our worst case scenario, but will also equip Oregon to be better able to manage far more frequent disruptions from floods, winter storms, wildfires and even drought. Pursuing resilience is good for Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Wilson, Commission Chair, OSSPAC

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