

Representative Deborah Boone (HD-32)



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Boone Praises Response to Coastal Flooding

Quick Action by Governor, State Agencies, Saved Lives and Property

SEASIDE—Rep. Deborah Boone (D-Seaside) today praised the state’s response to the flooding this week in Tillamook, Clatsop, Washington and Columbia Counties. On Tuesday, Gov. Kulongoski declared a state of emergency in Tillamook County, requiring all state agencies to assist county governments in any necessary capacity.

“During this sudden and unique weather situation, it was heartening to see people working around the clock, doing more than their jobs called for,” said Boone. **“The state agencies who came together in a show of intergovernmental cooperation kept a very bad situation from getting worse.”**

The state response to the flooding was driven both by prevention and recovery. The National Guard pre-positioned two Black Hawk helicopters to help with evacuation and rescue; thankfully they were not pressed into service. The Oregon Department of Transportation provided road maintenance equipment and 10,000 sandbags to Tillamook County. Likewise, the Oregon State Police assisted with traffic control and public safety.

“ODOT was on the scene with local fire departments, OSP, and local police agencies all pulling together and working around the clock to do what was necessary to get through,” Boone said. **“We even had local residents coming together to help move cattle to high ground. It was a truly wonderful government and community response.”**

Boone visited affected areas on Thursday to survey damage. If legislative action is necessary for further recovery, she is prepared to bring the issue before her colleagues in the Legislature.

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