

House Bill 2352

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows rural fire protection district to locate, inspect, attach hoses to and use fire hydrants within area served by district for purposes of evaluating hydrant operation, practicing firefighting techniques or firefighting. Provides for compensation for taking of privately owned water from hydrant or damage to hydrant.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to rural fire protection districts.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) A rural fire protection district organized under or subject to ORS chapter**
5 **478 may, on a systematic basis and during reasonable hours, enter onto any property served**
6 **by the district for the purpose of locating and inspecting fire hydrants on the property. The**
7 **district may take reasonable actions to evaluate the availability and utility of a hydrant for**
8 **firefighting purposes, including but not limited to attaching hoses, checking hydrant function**
9 **and practicing firefighting techniques using the hydrant.**

10 **(2) A rural fire protection district may use any public or private fire hydrant located**
11 **within the area served by the district for firefighting.**

12 **(3) If a fire hydrant accesses water supplied by a privately owned water source and a**
13 **rural fire protection district uses water from the hydrant to practice firefighting techniques,**
14 **upon request the district shall pay the owner of the water reasonable compensation for the**
15 **water used. If the district uses water from the hydrant for firefighting, and the owner of the**
16 **water does not receive any of the firefighting services that utilize the water, upon request**
17 **the district shall provide the owner of the water reasonable compensation for the water used.**
18 **If the district uses a private fire hydrant for any purpose other than fighting a fire on**
19 **property of the hydrant owner, the district shall pay the hydrant owner reasonable compen-**
20 **sation for any damage to the hydrant resulting from that use.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.