

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2555

Ordered by the House May 11
Including House Amendments dated May 11

Sponsored by Representative LIM

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.

Requires [*Office of Emergency Management*] **sheriff or authorized individual** to coordinate multicounty search and rescue activities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to multicounty search and rescue activities; amending ORS 401.560.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 401.560 is amended to read:

5 401.560. (1) The sheriff of each county has the responsibility for search and rescue activities
6 within the county. The duty of a sheriff under this subsection may be delegated to a qualified
7 deputy or emergency service worker.

8 (2) If the sheriff does not accept the responsibility for search and rescue activities, the chief
9 executive of the county shall designate the county emergency program manager to perform the du-
10 ties and responsibilities required under ORS 401.015 to 401.105, 401.260 to 401.325 and 401.355 to
11 401.580.

12 (3) The sheriff, or [*authorized person*] **individual authorized under subsection (1) or (2) of**
13 **this section**, of each county shall notify the Office of Emergency Management of each search and
14 rescue in the county and shall request the assignment of incident numbers therefor.

15 [*(4) The sheriff or authorized person of each county shall work with the county emergency program*
16 *manager in coordinating search and rescue activities in the county of the sheriff and in registering*
17 *emergency service workers.*]

18 **(4) When search and rescue activities occur in a multicounty area:**

19 **(a) The sheriff, or the authorized individual described in subsection (3) of this section,**
20 **of one county shall take charge or the counties shall form a unified command, as outlined**
21 **in the National Incident Management System Incident Command System established by**
22 **Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 of February 28, 2003; or**

23 **(b) If the appropriate sheriff or the authorized individual does not assume command as**
24 **described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the sheriff who received the initial call shall**
25 **take charge of the multicounty search and rescue.**

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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.
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