

# OREGON EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS™

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**“WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR BUT SHEAR ITSELF”™**

**Date: May 09, 2013**

**To: Sen. Brian Boquist, Chair  
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair  
Sen. Peter Courtney  
Sen. Alan Olsen**

**Senate Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

**From: James Bela, President and Founder  
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**Re: May 09, 2013 Work Session HB 2183:** Eliminating requirement that annual earthquake drills be conducted by employers in month of [ April ] .

THURSDAY

Date: May 9, 2013

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Place: HR B

Proposed Language: **bold underlined**

(2) The person shall conduct the drills **annually in conjunction with EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH, as proclaimed by the Office of the Governor;** and in accordance with Office of Emergency Management rules.

Explanation:

This proposed language will link the annual requirement for conducting earthquake safety drills to the officially proclaimed EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH, as “proclaimed” by OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.

In recent years this has occurred during the month of March; which is anniversary month of not only the most recent M 9.0 subduction zone earthquake and tsunami (Japan March 11, 2011), but also the nearing 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the M 9.2 Great Alaska Earthquake (Alaska March 27, 1964), [https://www.google.ca/search?q=alaska+earthquake+1964&hl=en&tbn=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=R\\_2LUdW2NeX5iwLX1YHIAw&ved=0CD0QsAQ&biw=1058&bih=446](https://www.google.ca/search?q=alaska+earthquake+1964&hl=en&tbn=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=R_2LUdW2NeX5iwLX1YHIAw&ved=0CD0QsAQ&biw=1058&bih=446)

[http://www.aeic.alaska.edu/quakes/Alaska\\_1964\\_earthquake.html](http://www.aeic.alaska.edu/quakes/Alaska_1964_earthquake.html)

(c) as well as the M 5.6 Spring Break Quake (here in Oregon March 25, 1993).

<http://nisquallyquake.wordpress.com/2010/01/01/oregons-scotts-mills-spring-break-quake-march-25-1993/>

Ideally, we want **greatest** participation during this month officially proclaimed as **EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH**; which in the present and the foreseeable future will also involve participation in the GREAT SHAKEOUT drill and exercise.

Focus in this particular month with lead and encourage people and employees to go beyond just the immediate exercise of “drop, cover, and hold” -- to prepare their homes and families for all of the attendant ramifications to experiencing, surviving, and recovering from a M 9 Giant Megathrust Earthquake on the Cascadia subduction zone.

Respectfully submitted,

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"We Have Nothing to Fear But Shear Itself" / "We're All Subducting In This Together"  
"It takes everyone getting together in *cahoots!* – Dennis Mileti

"Do not look back in anger, or forward in fear, but around in awareness." -- James Thurber