

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/7, 3/21

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Removes requirement that annual earthquake drills be held in April, for employers of 250 or more full-time employees.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Ability to better coordinate with other emergency preparedness activities
- Practice and drilling encouraged, made easier

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** April was chosen as *the* month for earthquake drills because it is National Earthquake and Tsunami month. Oregon additionally recognizes an earthquake and tsunami day in March. Emergency preparedness efforts occur year-round in Oregon. House Bill 2183 provides employers with more flexibility to arrange and scheduling drills.

*House Committee vote: 7 • 0 • 0*

*House Floor vote: 56 • 0 • 4*