

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	4 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Cheyenne Ross, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes requirement that annual earthquake drills be held in April. Permits types of drills other than “drop, cover and hold on.”

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of amendment.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Oregon currently requires all state agencies, and all employers of 250 or more employees, to conduct earthquake drills in April of each year. April was chosen as *the* month for earthquake drills because it is National Earthquake and Tsunami Month, but Oregon also recognizes a statewide earthquake and tsunami day in March, and emergency preparedness efforts occur year-round. Senate Bill 532A removes the requirement that earthquake drills occur in April and provides greater discretion with regard to the type of drills, to allow agencies and larger employers greater flexibility arranging and scheduling appropriate drills.