77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2183 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Boquist

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/7, 3/21, 5/9

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
- Encouraging practice by making it easier for employers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Permits earthquake drills other than "drop, cover and hold on."

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, however, occur year-round in Oregon. House Bill 2183-A provides employers with more flexibility to arrange and schedule drills.