

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2183

Ordered by the Senate May 15
Including Senate Amendments dated May 15

Sponsored by Representative BOONE (Pre-session filed.)

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.

Eliminates requirement that annual earthquake drills be conducted by employers in month of April.

Authorizes rulemaking by Office of Emergency Management to allow earthquake drills in addition to drills of emergency response procedure known as "drop, cover and hold on."

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to earthquake preparedness; amending ORS 401.900 and 401.902.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 401.900 is amended to read:

5 401.900. (1) Each state or local agency shall drill agency employees working in office buildings
6 on emergency procedures so that the employees may respond to an earthquake emergency without
7 confusion or panic.

8 (2) The [*agencies*] **state or local agency** shall conduct the drills **annually** in accordance with
9 Office of Emergency Management rules.

10 (3) The drills must include familiarization with routes and methods of exiting the building and
11 [*methods of "duck, cover and hold" during an earthquake. An agency shall conduct the drills*
12 *annually.*] **the earthquake emergency response procedure recommended by the Federal**
13 **Emergency Management Agency known as "drop, cover and hold on."**

14 (4) **Consistent with rules of the Office of Emergency Management, the state or local**
15 **agency may drill earthquake emergency response procedures in addition to "drop, cover and**
16 **hold on" when the state or local agency determines, based on evaluation of specific engi-**
17 **neering and structural issues related to an office building, that "drop, cover and hold on"**
18 **may not be the most effective earthquake emergency response procedure to prevent or limit**
19 **injury or loss of life.**

20 (5) The Office of Emergency Management may, by rule or on application, grant exemptions from
21 the drill requirement for good cause.

22 [(2)] (6) As used in this section, "state or local agency" means a state or local office, depart-
23 ment, division, bureau, board or commission that is assigned, renting, leasing, owning or controlling
24 office space for carrying out its duties. "State or local agency" includes the Legislative Assembly
25 when in regular session.

26 **SECTION 2.** ORS 401.902 is amended to read:

27 401.902. (1) A person employing 250 or more full-time employees within this state shall drill

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 employees working in office buildings on emergency procedures so that the employees may respond
2 to an earthquake emergency without confusion or panic.

3 (2) The person shall conduct the drills **annually** in accordance with Office of Emergency Man-
4 agement rules.

5 (3) The drills must include familiarization with routes and methods of exiting the building and
6 *[methods of “duck, cover and hold” during an earthquake. The employer shall conduct the drills an-*
7 *nually during the month of April.]* **the earthquake emergency response procedure recommended**
8 **by the Federal Emergency Management Agency known as “drop, cover and hold on.”**

9 (4) **Consistent with rules of the Office of Emergency Management, the person may drill**
10 **earthquake emergency response procedures in addition to “drop, cover and hold on” when**
11 **the person determines, based on evaluation of specific engineering and structural issues re-**
12 **lated to an office building, that “drop, cover and hold on” may not be the most effective**
13 **earthquake emergency response procedure to prevent or limit injury or loss of life.**

14 (5) The Office of Emergency Management may, by rule or on application, grant exemptions from
15 the drill requirement for good cause.
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