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House Bill 2183

Sponsored by Representative BOONE (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to earthquake preparedness; amending ORS 401.900 and 401.902.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 401.900 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. ORS 401.902 is amended to read:

401.902. (1) A person employing 250 or more full-time employees within this state shall drill employees working in office buildings on emergency procedures so that the employees may respond to an earthquake emergency without confusion or panic.

(2) The person shall conduct the drills **annually** in accordance with Office of Emergency Management rules.

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

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

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

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