

House Bill 2183

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 **as introduced**.

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

A BILL FOR 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]* **A** 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.]*

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

[(2)] (5) 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.]*

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

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.