

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 532**

Ordered by the Senate April 23  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 23

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**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.

*[Modifies list of state agencies required to designate liaison for emergency preparedness and response. Requires that liaison be individual with authority during emergency to allocate agency resources and assets.]*

**Requires state and local agencies and certain employers to conduct annual earthquake emergency drill. Requires drill to include federally recommended "drop, cover and hold on" earthquake emergency response procedure. Authorizes state or local agency or employer to conduct other earthquake emergency response procedure drills if agency determines that "drop, cover and hold on" procedure is not most effective earthquake emergency procedure for particular office building.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to emergency services; 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

**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 when in regular session.

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

3 401.902. (1) A person employing 250 or more full-time employees within this state shall drill  
4 employees working in office buildings on emergency procedures so that the employees may respond  
5 to an earthquake emergency without confusion or panic.

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

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

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

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

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