

# House Bill 2594

Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY (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**.

Requires insurer of liable party to pay actual costs of emergency response by private emergency responders.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to emergency response by private entities.

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

**SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 746.**

**SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

**(a) "Emergency" has the meaning given that term in ORS 401.025.**

**(b) "Private emergency responder" means a private entity, and individuals working under the direction of the private entity, that provides subject matter expertise or technical experience that may be called upon to participate in the response to an emergency, including, but not limited to, the following entities, if private:**

**(A) Firefighting agencies;**

**(B) Ambulance services;**

**(C) Crime scene investigators and forensic analysts;**

**(D) Hazardous materials response teams;**

**(E) Geologists, volcanologists and other scientists;**

**(F) Pilots, air crew and others that support air response to an emergency;**

**(G) Boat captains, crew and others that support open-water emergency response; and**

**(H) Search and rescue teams.**

**(2) When the insurer of a liable party is obligated to reimburse a private emergency responder for services provided in response to an emergency, the insurer shall reimburse the private emergency responder for the actual costs incurred for emergency response, including, but not limited to, costs associated with mobile laboratories, tools and equipment for handling hazardous materials and other specialized equipment.**

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