

House Bill 2931

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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**.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to disseminate to school districts information related to elevated levels of radon.

Directs school districts to develop plan for testing schools for elevated levels of radon. Requires initial testing of schools to occur on or before January 1, 2021.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to authority for purposes related to Act.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for State School Fund distributions made for purposes related to Act.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to testing radon levels; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall disseminate information related to**
5 **elevated levels of radon to each school district in this state. Information disseminated under**
6 **this section must include:**

7 (a) **Information about radon and the dangers associated with elevated levels of radon;**

8 (b) **The level of radon at which the United States Environmental Protection Agency re-**
9 **commends schools take action to reduce indoor radon concentrations;**

10 (c) **Processes by which schools may be tested for elevated levels of radon; and**

11 (d) **Model plans developed pursuant to section 2 of this 2015 Act.**

12 (2) **Dissemination of information under subsection (1)(c) of this section must take into**
13 **account industry standards for testing buildings for elevated levels of radon.**

14 (3) **Upon request, the State Board of Education shall assist the authority in disseminating**
15 **the information described in this section. Dissemination of information may occur by any**
16 **reasonable means, including posting the information on a website maintained by the au-**
17 **thority or the Department of Education and providing each school district with instructions**
18 **on how to access the information.**

19 **SECTION 2. (1) A school district shall develop a plan for testing schools for elevated**
20 **levels of radon. At a minimum, plans developed under this subsection must:**

21 (a) **Provide for the testing of radon in any frequently occupied room in contact with the**
22 **ground or located above a basement or a crawlspace; and**

23 (b) **Provide for the testing of radon in a school at least once every 10 years.**

24 (2) **The Oregon Health Authority shall develop model plans for school districts to follow**
25 **in implementing the requirements of this section. The authority shall seek the input of the**
26 **Oregon School Boards Association in developing the model plans.**

27 (3) **Results of a test performed under this section must be:**

28 (a) **Provided to the district school board;**

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 (b) Provided to the authority in a manner prescribed by the authority; and

2 (c) Made readily available to parents, guardians, students, school employees, school vol-
3 unteers, administrators and community representatives at the school's office or school
4 district's office or on a website for the school or school district.

5 (4) Information provided and made available under subsection (3) of this section must
6 include the level of radon at which the United States Environmental Protection Agency re-
7 commends schools take action to reduce indoor radon concentrations.

8 **SECTION 3.** (1) A school district shall submit the plan developed under section 2 of this
9 2015 Act to the Oregon Health Authority on or before September 1, 2016.

10 (2) Notwithstanding section 2 (1)(b) of this 2015 Act, plans developed under section 2 of
11 this 2015 Act shall require initial testing of schools for elevated levels of radon on or before
12 January 1, 2021.

13 (3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to any school that has been tested for
14 elevated levels of radon on or after January 1, 2006, unless the school underwent one of the
15 following types of projects and did not undergo a subsequent test for elevated levels of radon:

16 (a) The addition, replacement or substantial alteration of heating, air conditioning or
17 ventilation equipment; or

18 (b) A remodeling, renovation or alteration to the structural components of the school,
19 the cost of which exceeded \$50,000.

20 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
21 ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the
22 General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for purposes described in sections 1 and 2 of this 2015
23 Act.

24 **SECTION 5.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
25 ated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the
26 General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the State School Fund for the purpose of making
27 distributions for purposes described in section 2 of this 2015 Act.

28 **SECTION 6.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
29 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
30 on its passage.

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