

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 850

Ordered by the Senate April 24
Including Senate Amendments dated April 24

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.

[Allows State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to require use of risk mitigation methods in, or to prohibit construction of, certain facilities and structures at proposed development site in tsunami inundation zone.]

[Changes threshold occupancy qualifying buildings for colleges or adult education schools as special occupancy structures subject to evaluation for seismic hazard vulnerability.]

Requires Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission to establish committee to assist commission in conducting review of policy options, preparing summary of existing state agency reports and studies and preparing recommendations for policy measures regarding life and property protection following major earthquake or tsunami event, including but not limited to investigation of issues pertaining to insurance related to earthquakes and tsunami events. Requires committee to prepare report of findings.

Requires commission to establish committee to assist commission in conducting review of policy options, preparing summary of existing state agency reports and studies and preparing recommendations for policy measures regarding life protection following major earthquake or tsunami event, including but not limited to issues pertaining to addressing mass care and mass displacement strategies. Requires committee to prepare report of findings.

Requires commission to compile committee reports using specified format. Requires commission to deliver formatted reports to State Resilience Officer no later than September 30, 2018.

Sunsets January 2, 2019.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to resilience planning; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission shall establish a com-**
5 **mittee under ORS 401.925 to assist the commission in conducting a review of policy options,**
6 **prepare a summary of existing reports and studies by state agencies and prepare recom-**
7 **mendations for policy measures to protect lives and preserve residential housing following a**
8 **major earthquake or tsunami event.**

9 **(2) In carrying out duties under this section, the committee shall:**

10 **(a) Investigate alternatives for providing adequate earthquake insurance coverage for**
11 **residential property owners in the state without establishing a state-run insurer;**

12 **(b) Investigate best practices and effective means for making residential property owners**
13 **in the state aware of the need for earthquake and tsunami insurance coverage for residential**
14 **property;**

15 **(c) Investigate barriers, including barriers of affordability and availability, that prevent**
16 **residential property owners from obtaining earthquake and tsunami insurance coverage;**

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 (d) Investigate other issues related to providing adequate insurance for residential prop-
2 erty owners against major earthquake and tsunami events;

3 (e) Obtain research, testimony, advice, consultation and information from experts in the
4 fields of disaster preparation and management, risk assessment and management, insurance
5 coverage and related topics; and

6 (f) Undertake any other or related activities that are necessary to carry out this section.

7 (3) The committee shall consult with the State Resilience Officer and with other state
8 government officials and entities to assemble an integrated view of current capabilities for
9 earthquake response and recovery and current gaps in resilience planning related to earth-
10 quake and tsunami insurance.

11 (4) The committee shall prepare one or more reports summarizing the findings of the
12 committee and including any recommendations of the commission. A report prepared under
13 this subsection shall address both insurance providers and other professionals and residential
14 property owners in appropriate language.

15 (5) Any entity within the executive department having expertise in matters relevant to
16 the work of the committee shall provide the state agencies identified in ORS 401.922 with
17 assistance and supplemental staff support services reasonable and necessary to ensure the
18 carrying out of committee duties. As used in this subsection, “executive department” has the
19 meaning given that term in ORS 174.112.

20 (6) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the
21 committee in the performance of the committee’s duties and, to the extent permitted by laws
22 relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the committee
23 consider necessary to perform their duties.

24 (7) Notwithstanding ORS 401.925, members of a committee formed under this section are
25 not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the
26 committee.

27 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission shall establish a com-
28 mittee under ORS 401.925 to assist the commission in conducting a review of policy options,
29 prepare a summary of existing reports and studies by state agencies and prepare recom-
30 mendations for policy measures to protect lives during and after a major earthquake or
31 tsunami event, including but not limited to policy measures to address mass care and mass
32 displacement strategies.

33 (2) In carrying out duties under this section, the committee shall investigate alternatives
34 and attempt to identify best practices and effective means for state and local government
35 and Indian tribes to prepare for the mass care, mass displacement and other catastrophic
36 consequences of a major earthquake or tsunami event, including but not limited to:

37 (a) The provision of temporary shelters and semipermanent and permanent housing;

38 (b) Supplying adequate food and water;

39 (c) Supplying emergency health services; and

40 (d) Providing transition services and recovery assistance.

41 (3) The committee may obtain research, testimony, advice, consultation and information
42 from experts in the fields of emergency management, emergency response and recovery and
43 related topics.

44 (4) The committee may undertake any other or related activities that are necessary to
45 carry out this section.

1 (5) The committee shall consult with the State Resilience Officer and with other state
2 government officials and entities to assemble an integrated view of current capabilities for
3 addressing mass care, mass displacement and other catastrophic consequences of major
4 earthquake and tsunami events.

5 (6) The committee shall prepare a report summarizing the findings of the committee and
6 including any recommendations of the commission regarding mass care, mass displacement
7 and other strategies for use by state and local governments and Indian tribes in preparing
8 for and dealing with the consequences of a major earthquake or tsunami event. A report
9 prepared under this subsection must address officials of state and local governments and
10 Indian tribes in appropriate language.

11 (7) Any entity within the executive department having expertise in matters relevant to
12 the work of the committee shall provide the state agencies identified in ORS 401.922 with
13 assistance and supplemental staff support services reasonable and necessary to ensure the
14 carrying out of committee duties. As used in this subsection, “executive department” has the
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19 consider necessary to perform their duties.

20 (9) Notwithstanding ORS 401.925, members of a committee formed under this section are
21 not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the
22 committee.

23 **SECTION 3.** The Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission shall compile the reports
24 prepared by committees under sections 1 and 2 of this 2017 Act using the reporting format
25 used in the Task Force on Resilience Plan Implementation report prepared under chapter
26 512, Oregon Laws 2013. The commission shall deliver the formatted reports to the State
27 Resilience Officer no later than September 30, 2018.

28 **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 to 3 of this 2017 Act are repealed January 2, 2019.

29 **SECTION 5.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
30 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
31 on its passage.
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