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SUMMARY

Directs Office of Emergency Management to conduct annual multidisciplinary, all-hazards emergency response exercise.

Directs certain state entities to conduct annual internal exercise to test elements of emergency preparedness.

Directs counties to conduct quarterly tabletop exercises related to emergency response.

Directs office to assist state entities and counties in carrying out required exercises. Directs office to consult with Oregon Homeland Security Council to determine priorities for subjects of exercises.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to emergency preparedness exercises.

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

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Office of Emergency Management shall develop 5 and administer a program for periodic emergency response exercises 6 as described in this section.

7 (2) Once per year, the office shall coordinate a multidisciplinary, 8 all-hazards emergency response exercise. The exercise must involve 9 at least 10 percent of the public or private safety agencies in this state. 10 The office shall ensure that each public or private safety agency in 11 this state participates in at least one exercise under this subsection in 12 each 10-year period.

(3)(a) At least once per year, each state agency shall conduct an
 internal exercise that tests at least one element of the state agency's
 emergency preparedness. Each state agency may determine the nature
 and focus of the exercise required under this subsection. Once per

year, each state agency shall submit a written report to the office describing the nature of the exercise, the metrics used by the state
agency to analyze the state agency's performance, and the outcome
of the exercise.

5 (b) The office shall provide advice and recommendations to state 6 agencies regarding the requirements of this subsection.

7 (4)(a) At least once per quarter, each county shall conduct a 8 tabletop, scenario-based learning exercise related to emergency re-9 sponse. An exercise conducted by a county under this subsection must 10 involve the majority of public or private safety agencies operating in 11 the county.

(b) The office shall provide advice and recommendations to counties
 regarding the requirements of this subsection.

(5) The office shall consult with the Oregon Homeland Security
 Council to determine priorities for subjects of exercises conducted
 under this section.

17 (6) The office may issue grants to local governments to pay for
 18 some or all of the costs of the exercises required under this section.

(7) The office may solicit and accept gifts, grants or donations from
 public or private sources to fund the exercises required under this
 section.

22 (8) As used in this section:

(a) "Public or private safety agency" has the meaning given that
 term in ORS 181A.355.

(b) "State agency" means an agency, entity or official listed in ORS
 401.054.

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