

Requested by Representative MCKEOWN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2585**

1 Delete lines 4 through 27 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 146.045 is amended to read:

3 “146.045. (1) After consultation with the State Medical Examiner Advisory
4 Board, the Chief Medical Examiner shall appoint each Deputy State Medical
5 Examiner.

6 “(2) The Chief Medical Examiner shall:

7 “(a) Appoint and discharge each district medical examiner as provided by
8 ORS 146.065 (2).

9 “(b) Designate those pathologists authorized to perform autopsies under
10 ORS 146.117 (2).

11 “(c) Approve those laboratories authorized to perform the analyses re-
12 quired under ORS 146.113 (2).

13 “(3) The Chief Medical Examiner may:

14 “(a) Assume control of a death investigation in cooperation with the dis-
15 trict attorney.

16 “(b) Order an autopsy in a death requiring investigation.

17 “(c) Certify the cause and manner of a death requiring investigation.

18 “(d) Amend a previously completed report on a death requiring investi-
19 gation.

20 “(e) Order a body exhumed in a death requiring investigation.

21 “(f) Designate a Deputy State Medical Examiner as Acting Chief Medical

1 Examiner.

2 “(g) After a reasonable and thorough investigation, complete and file a
3 report of death for a person whose body is not found.

4 “(4) Distribution of moneys from the Chief Medical Examiner’s budget for
5 partial reimbursement of each county’s autopsy expenditures shall be made
6 subject to approval of the Chief Medical Examiner.

7 “(5) Within 45 days of receipt of information that a person is missing at
8 sea and presumed dead, the Chief Medical Examiner shall determine whether
9 the information is credible and, if so, complete and file a report of death for
10 the person presumed dead. If the information is determined not to be credi-
11 ble, the Chief Medical Examiner may continue the death investigation.

12 “(6) **Within 45 days after receiving a report from the Search and**
13 **Rescue Coordinator, in conjunction with a county sheriff, that a per-**
14 **son is missing in the wilderness and is presumed dead, the Chief**
15 **Medical Examiner shall complete and file a report of death for the**
16 **person presumed dead.”.**

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