

House Bill 2118

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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**.

Transfers responsibility for provision of workers' compensation coverage to qualified emergency service volunteer from Office of Emergency Management to public body under whose direction volunteer is acting.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to qualified emergency service volunteers; amending ORS 401.358 and 401.368.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 401.358 is amended to read:

5 401.358. As used in ORS 401.358 to 401.368:

6 (1) "Emergency service activities" means:

7 (a) The provision of emergency services; and

8 (b) Engaging in training under the direction of a public body, whether by reason of the training
9 being conducted or approved by a public body, for the purpose of preparing qualified emergency
10 service volunteers to perform emergency services.

11 **(2) "Public body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.**

12 [(2)] **(3)** "Qualified emergency service volunteer" means a person who is:

13 (a) Registered with [*the Office of Emergency Management or other*] **a** public body to perform
14 emergency service activities;

15 (b) Acknowledged in writing as a qualified emergency service volunteer, at the time the person
16 offers to volunteer during an emergency, by [*the Office of Emergency Management or by another*] **a**
17 public body;

18 (c) A member of the Oregon Civil Defense Force; or

19 (d) A building evaluator certified under the Oregon Safety Assessment Program established un-
20 der ORS 401.256.

21 **SECTION 2.** ORS 401.368 is amended to read:

22 401.368. (1) [*The Office of Emergency Management*] **A public body** shall provide workers' com-
23 pensation coverage for qualified emergency service volunteers who are injured in the course and
24 scope of performing emergency service activities under the direction of [*a*] **the** public body if the
25 injury occurs:

26 (a) While the volunteer is performing emergency service activities under the direction of the
27 public body during a state of emergency declared under this chapter, or during a state of public
28 health emergency proclaimed under ORS 433.441; or

29 (b) While the volunteer is engaged in training being conducted or approved by [*a*] **the** public
30 body for the purpose of preparing the volunteer to perform emergency services.

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 (2) Workers' compensation coverage shall be provided under this section in the manner provided
2 by ORS 656.039.
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