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

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

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

SECTION 1. ORS 401.358 is amended to read:

401.358. As used in ORS 401.358 to 401.368:

(1) “Emergency service activities” means:
(a) The provision of emergency services; and
(b) Engaging in training under the direction of a public body, whether by reason of the training being conducted or approved by a public body, for the purpose of preparing qualified emergency service volunteers to perform emergency services.

(2) “Public body” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.

[(2)] (3) “Qualified emergency service volunteer” means a person who is:
(a) Registered with [the Office of Emergency Management or other] a public body to perform emergency service activities;
(b) Acknowledged in writing as a qualified emergency service volunteer, at the time the person offers to volunteer during an emergency, by [the Office of Emergency Management or by another] a public body;
(c) A member of the Oregon Civil Defense Force; or
(d) A building evaluator certified under the Oregon Safety Assessment Program established under ORS 401.256.

SECTION 2. ORS 401.368 is amended to read:

401.368. (1) [The Office of Emergency Management] A public body shall provide workers’ compensation coverage for qualified emergency service volunteers who are injured in the course and scope of performing emergency service activities under the direction of [a] the public body if the injury occurs:
(a) While the volunteer is performing emergency service activities under the direction of the public body during a state of emergency declared under this chapter, or during a state of public health emergency proclaimed under ORS 433.441; or
(b) While the volunteer is engaged in training being conducted or approved by [a] the public 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.

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