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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act tells the DEQ to study risks related to toxic inhalation caused by earthquakes. The DEQ must submit a report on its study to the Legislative Assembly by December 1, 2024. The Act takes effect as soon as it is passed. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6).

Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to study risks and issues relating to earthquake-induced toxic inhalation. Requires the department to submit a report on the study to a committee of the Legislative Assembly by December 1, 2024. Authorizes the department to submit recommendations for legislation to the committee by March 1, 2025.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to seismic hazards; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall**
5 **study risks and issues relating to earthquake-induced toxic inhalation.**
6 **The department may consult, partner or contract with any appropriate**
7 **entity in carrying out the study. The department and other involved**
8 **entities may consult with state agencies to define the scope of high-**
9 **risk facilities for purposes of the study.**

10 **(2) On or before December 1, 2024, the department shall submit a**
11 **report on the findings of the study to the interim committees of the**
12 **Legislative Assembly relating to emergency management.**

13 **(3) On or before March 1, 2025, the department may submit recom-**
14 **mendations for legislation to the standing or interim committees of**
15 **the Legislative Assembly relating to emergency management.**

1 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

2 **SECTION 3. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
3 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
4 **clared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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