House Bill 2484

Sponsored by Representatives NATHANSON, GRAYBER; Representatives CATE, EVANS, RUIZ, Senators KNOPP, PATTERSON (Presession filed.)

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.

Directs Department of State Fire Marshal to coordinate urban search and rescue function of this state.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to urban search and rescue.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 476.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, “urban search and rescue” means the provision of technical rescue services involving location, extrication and initial medical stabilization of victims trapped in an urban area, including from structures or trenches collapsed due to natural disaster, war, terrorism or accidents.

(2) The Department of the State Fire Marshal shall coordinate the urban search and rescue function of this state, including:

(a) Coordinating the activities of local, state and federal agencies involved in urban search and rescue;

(b) Establishing liaison with public and private organizations and agencies involved in urban search and rescue, including fire service providers and county sheriffs;

(c) Assisting in developing training and education programs; and

(d) Gathering and disseminating resource information of personnel, equipment and materials available for urban search and rescue.

(3) The department, on behalf of the State of Oregon, may solicit and accept gifts, grants, donations and other moneys from public and private sources for urban search and rescue purposes. Moneys received from such sources must be deposited in the State Fire Marshal Fund established under ORS 476.055 and used for purposes related to urban search and rescue, subject to any restrictions or conditions established by the sources of such moneys.

SECTION 3. As used in ORS 404.100 to 404.270, “search and rescue” does not include urban search and rescue, as defined in section 2 of this 2023 Act.