

House Bill 2862

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representative LEWIS (Pre-session 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**.

Expands statute allowing certain public bodies to grant paid leave of absence to public employee who volunteers to participate in disaster relief or recovery services in state.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to paid leave for volunteers participating in disaster relief; amending ORS 401.378.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 401.378 is amended to read:

401.378. *[(1)]* State agencies and political subdivisions described in ORS 243.325 (2) to (6) may grant leaves of absence to any public employee who *[is a certified disaster services volunteer of the American Red Cross]* **volunteers** to participate in disaster relief **or recovery** services in the State of Oregon. Cumulative leave granted shall not exceed 15 work days in any 12-month period. Such leave granted shall not result in a loss of compensation, seniority, vacation time, sick leave or accrued overtime for which the employee is otherwise eligible. Compensation to an employee granted leave under this section shall be at the employee's regular rate of pay for those regular work hours during which the employee is absent from work.

[(2) As used in this section, "disaster" means those disasters designated at level II and above by the American Red Cross.]

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.