

House Bill 4044

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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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

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

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

12 **(3) On or before March 1, 2025, the department may submit recommendations for legis-**
13 **lation to the standing or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly relating to emer-**
14 **gency management.**

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 Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

16 **SECTION 3. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
17 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect**
18 **on its passage.**

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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.