

House Bill 4042

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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**.

Directs contracting agencies to give preference to bidder or proposer who is certified by Office of Emergency Management as emergency preparedness partner.

Directs office to establish program for certification of business organizations as emergency preparedness partners. Provides that organizations shall be certified if minimum number of individuals in organization complete required training and meet other requirements.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to emergency preparedness public contracting preferences.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2020 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 279A.**

4 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding provisions of law that require a contracting agency to**
5 **award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder or best proposer or provider of a quotation,**
6 **a contracting agency shall give preference to a bidder or proposer who is certified by the**
7 **Office of Emergency Management as an emergency preparedness partner under section 3 of**
8 **this 2020 Act.**

9 **SECTION 3. (1) The Office of Emergency Management shall develop and administer a**
10 **program for the certification of organizations as emergency preparedness partners. Pursuant**
11 **to the program:**

12 **(a) Organizations doing business in Oregon may apply to the office for certification.**

13 **(b) The office shall certify an organization if at least five individuals in the organization,**
14 **or 10 percent of the individuals in the applicant's workforce, whichever is greater:**

15 **(A) Have successfully completed the training described in subsection (2) of this section;**
16 **and**

17 **(B) Have registered with the office to perform emergency service activities, or are oth-**
18 **erwise qualified emergency service volunteers, as defined in ORS 401.358.**

19 **(2)(a) The office shall establish training requirements for purposes of the program. The**
20 **training must improve the ability of the individual receiving the training to assist profes-**
21 **sional first responders in short-term emergency response and recovery.**

22 **(b) The office may directly provide training or may approve courses offered by third**
23 **parties, or both.**

24 **(c) The required training must include both practical and classroom components.**

25 **(d) The office may establish different training requirements for applicants in different**
26 **industries.**

27 **(3) Organizations certified as emergency preparedness partners are eligible for public**
28 **contracting preferences under section 2 of this 2020 Act.**
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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.

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(4) The office may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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