

# House Bill 2896

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representatives LEWIS, MEEK, POST, WILLIAMS (at the request of former Representative Carla Piluso) (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 Office of Emergency Management to conduct annual multidisciplinary, all-hazards emergency response exercise.

Directs certain state entities to conduct annual internal exercise to test elements of emergency preparedness.

Directs counties to conduct quarterly tabletop exercises related to emergency response.

Directs office to assist state entities and counties in carrying out required exercises. Directs office to consult with Oregon Homeland Security Council to determine priorities for subjects of exercises.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to emergency preparedness exercises.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Office of Emergency Management shall develop and administer a**  
4 **program for periodic emergency response exercises as described in this section.**

5 (2) Once per year, the office shall coordinate a multidisciplinary, all-hazards emergency  
6 response exercise. The exercise must involve at least 10 percent of the public or private  
7 safety agencies in this state. The office shall ensure that each public or private safety agency  
8 in this state participates in at least one exercise under this subsection in each 10-year period.

9 (3)(a) At least once per year, each state agency shall conduct an internal exercise that  
10 tests at least one element of the state agency's emergency preparedness. Each state agency  
11 may determine the nature and focus of the exercise required under this subsection. Once per  
12 year, each state agency shall submit a written report to the office describing the nature of  
13 the exercise, the metrics used by the state agency to analyze the state agency's perform-  
14 ance, and the outcome of the exercise.

15 (b) The office shall provide advice and recommendations to state agencies regarding the  
16 requirements of this subsection.

17 (4)(a) At least once per quarter, each county shall conduct a tabletop, scenario-based  
18 learning exercise related to emergency response. An exercise conducted by a county under  
19 this subsection must involve the majority of public or private safety agencies operating in  
20 the county.

21 (b) The office shall provide advice and recommendations to counties regarding the re-  
22 quirements of this subsection.

23 (5) The office shall consult with the Oregon Homeland Security Council to determine  
24 priorities for subjects of exercises conducted under this section.

25 (6) The office may issue grants to local governments to pay for some or all of the costs  
26 of the exercises required under this section.  
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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.

1       **(7) The office may solicit and accept gifts, grants or donations from public or private**  
2 **sources to fund the exercises required under this section.**

3       **(8) As used in this section:**

4       **(a) "Public or private safety agency" has the meaning given that term in ORS 181A.355.**

5       **(b) "State agency" means an agency, entity or official listed in ORS 401.054.**

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