

House Bill 2484

Sponsored by Representatives NATHANSON, GRAYBER; Representatives CATE, EVANS, RUIZ, Senators KNOPP, PATTERSON (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**.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to urban search and rescue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **(d) Gathering and disseminating resource information of personnel, equipment and ma-**
17 **terials available for urban search and rescue.**

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

23 **SECTION 3. As used in ORS 404.100 to 404.270, "search and rescue" does not include ur-**
24 **ban search and rescue, as defined in section 2 of this 2023 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.