

House Bill 2885

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells state agencies to make an electronic system to manage emergency volunteers in this state. The Act puts ODEM in charge of maintaining the system. The Act tells ODEM to start a workgroup about volunteers. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.7).

Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon Department of Emergency Management, Oregon Health Authority and Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to collaboratively plan and implement the creation of an interoperative, centralized electronic system to manage information about persons in Oregon who are available to serve as volunteers in case of emergency.

Directs the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to administer and maintain the system, conduct outreach and training regarding the system, coordinate a workgroup for periodic review of the system and coordinate a workgroup to develop recommendations regarding statewide volunteerism.

Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to develop policies and procedures to incorporate the system into the activities and duties of the OregonServes Commission.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to emergency volunteers.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall collaboratively plan and implement the creation of an interoperative, centralized electronic system to manage information about persons in Oregon who are available to serve as volunteers in case of emergency.

(2) The system created under this section must, at a minimum, enable users to:

(a) Track credentials, training and licenses of volunteers;

(b) Conduct background checks;

(c) Accept monetary donations;

(d) Assign volunteer roles and responsibilities based on skills, licenses and credentials;

(e) Engage volunteers in training and exercise opportunities;

(f) Organize volunteers into user groups based on credentials;

(g) Mobilize volunteers through text messages and electronic mail;

(h) Post and promote disaster volunteer opportunities;

(i) Conduct real-time headcounts to view spaces filled and those still available;

(j) Track volunteer hours in the field;

(k) Send reminders to volunteers via mobile devices;

(L) Offer location-based check-in systems to volunteers via mobile devices;

(m) Verify hours with a built-in validation system;

(n) Organize multiday service projects for away teams;

(o) View shift-based or ongoing sustainable long-term recovery projects;

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 (p) Generate volunteer resumes and reports designed to measure impact and increase
2 engagement; and

3 (q) Run exportable reports for financial reporting, federal reimbursements and grants.

4 (3) The system created under this section must be made available for use by public and
5 private entities active in emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

6 (4) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall coordinate the efforts of the
7 state agencies listed in subsection (1) of this section to create the system. The department
8 shall use, as a starting point for developing the system, the volunteer management system
9 licensed for use by the OregonServes Commission.

10 (5) The department, after the system is implemented, shall:

11 (a) Administer and maintain the system;

12 (b) Conduct inclusive outreach to public and private entities active in emergency
13 preparedness, response and recovery to provide information and training regarding the sys-
14 tem, including training on management of unaffiliated volunteers during an emergency;

15 (c) Convene and coordinate a statewide workgroup of disaster volunteer management
16 representatives for periodic review of system standards, operations and needs, including
17 post-emergency performance reviews; and

18 (d) Convene and coordinate a statewide workgroup to:

19 (A) Identify opportunities and protocols for interoperability between the system and
20 other specialized management systems for skilled volunteers that are used in Oregon;

21 (B) Develop recommendations to incentivize volunteerism from the private sector, which
22 may include recommendations for legislation; and

23 (C) Develop recommendations for a program to establish standards for volunteers and
24 provide training, certification, continuing education and employment opportunities to volun-
25 teers.

26 (6) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, after the system is implemented,
27 shall develop policies and procedures to incorporate the system into the activities and duties
28 of the OregonServes Commission in alignment with the Federal Emergency Management
29 Agency National Response Framework element relating to volunteers.