

Enrolled
House Bill 2931

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to testing radon levels; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall disseminate information related to elevated levels of radon to each school district in this state. Information disseminated under this section must include:

- (a) Information about radon and the dangers associated with elevated levels of radon;
 - (b) The level of radon at which the United States Environmental Protection Agency recommends schools take action to reduce indoor radon concentrations;
 - (c) Processes by which schools may be tested for elevated levels of radon; and
 - (d) Model plans developed pursuant to section 2 of this 2015 Act.
- (2) Dissemination of information under subsection (1)(c) of this section must take into account industry standards for testing buildings for elevated levels of radon.

(3) Upon request, the State Board of Education shall assist the authority in disseminating the information described in this section. Dissemination of information may occur by any reasonable means, including posting the information on a website maintained by the authority or the Department of Education and providing each school district with instructions on how to access the information.

SECTION 2. (1) A school district shall develop a plan for testing schools for elevated levels of radon. At a minimum, plans developed under this subsection must:

- (a) Provide for the testing of radon in any frequently occupied room in contact with the ground or located above a basement or a crawlspace; and
 - (b) Provide for the testing of radon in a school at least once every 10 years.
- (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall develop model plans for school districts to follow in implementing the requirements of this section. The authority shall seek the input of the Oregon School Boards Association in developing the model plans.
- (3) Results of a test performed under this section must be:
- (a) Provided to the district school board;
 - (b) Provided to the authority in a manner prescribed by the authority; and
 - (c) Made readily available to parents, guardians, students, school employees, school volunteers, administrators and community representatives at the school's office or school district's office or on a website for the school or school district.
- (4) Information provided and made available under subsection (3) of this section must include the level of radon at which the United States Environmental Protection Agency recommends schools take action to reduce indoor radon concentrations.

SECTION 3. (1) A school district shall submit the plan developed under section 2 of this 2015 Act to the Oregon Health Authority on or before September 1, 2016.

(2) Notwithstanding section 2 (1)(b) of this 2015 Act, plans developed under section 2 of this 2015 Act shall require initial testing of schools for elevated levels of radon on or before January 1, 2021.

(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to any school that has been tested for elevated levels of radon on or after January 1, 2006.

SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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