

**74TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: HB 2369
CARRIER: Rep. Olson**

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do pass

Vote: 7-0-2

Yeas: Berger, Bruun, Gelser, Olson, Read, Witt, Barnhart

Nays:

Exc.: Butler, Rosenbaum

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Meeting Dates: 4/11, 5/11

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Extends the sunset date on the emergency communication tax to 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Emergency respondents needs for technology and training.
- Technology changing quickly with needed upgrades.
- The different functions performed by the 911 centers.
- Revenue and needs. One of the few taxes that sunset.
- Need for review every few years.
- Rates of growth due to the explosion in the use of the cell phones.
- Cost per call. (10 year look). How the money is being spent.
- Original purpose of the tax.
- Used to balance the budget in 2003.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: None

BACKGROUND:

Under current statutes subscribers who have telecommunications services, which includes, cellular, wireless and other radio common carriers, are assessed a tax of .75 per month. The funds collected are deposited into the Emergency Communications account and is then distributed by the office of Emergency Management to the 9-1-1 communication districts. The authority to assess this tax is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2008. House Bill 2369, which passed the joint committee on Emergency preparedness, would extend the authority to assess this tax to January 1, 2014.

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