

74TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
SENATE FINANCE AND REVENUE COMMITTEE

MEASURE: HB 2369
CARRIER: Rep. G. George

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do pass
Vote: 4-0-1
Yeas: G. George, Monroe, Starr, Deckert
Nays:
Exc.: Burdick
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Meeting Dates: 6/7

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rates of growth due to the explosion in the use of the cell phones.
- Volumes of calls and how it increased?
- Original purpose of the tax.
- Where all the need is coming from.

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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