

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: George G., George L., Johnson, Morrisette, Verger

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/19, 5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes the Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network Department (OWIN). Transfers State Interoperability Executive Council and duties, functions and powers related to council from the Office of Emergency Management to Department of State Police. Establishes executive committee of council to direct activities of department. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Capacity of cell/satellite phones during emergencies
- Request for proposal process
- Need for certificate of participation
- Opportunity of receiving federal funds
- Starting the project on the coast
- House Bill 2101 (2005)
- Legislative oversight
- Senate approval of the director
- Agency structure
- OWIN budget within the Oregon State Police budget

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: During the 2005 Legislative Session House Bill 2101 was passed, creating the State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC). The SIEC was directed to improve wireless interoperability between agencies, recommend strategies to improve Oregon's wireless interoperability, research and evaluate the best practices for the purchase of equipment and the sharing of communications infrastructure, foster cooperation and improve inter-agency wireless communications among state, federal and local agencies, serve as the central coordination point, and develop recommendations for the Legislative assembly or other state action that may be required to promote interoperability in Oregon.