

2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2369 **STATUS:** Original
SUBJECT: Emergency communications tax extension to January 1, 2014
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Revenue, Oregon State Police Office of
Emergency Management, Oregon Military Department
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	<u>2007-2009</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>
EXPENDITURES: See Comments.		

REVENUES:
See the revenue statement issued by the Legislative Revenue Office.

POSITIONS / FTE:
See Comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The measure would extend the sunset provision on the 9-1-1 telephone tax through December 31, 2013. The tax is collected by the Department of Revenue (DOR), which transfers the revenue to the Emergency Communications Account, net of up to 1% of the revenue amount for administration. Monies in the Account fund the administration of the Oregon State Police (OSP) Office of Emergency Management (OEM), with the remainder distributed as special payments to cities, counties, and other governmental units. A small portion is transferred to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training for 9-1-1 telecommunicator and emergency medical dispatcher training.

On May 16, 2007 the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approved the 2007-09 biennium budget for OSP (SB 5533), which assumes continuing revenue from the 9-1-1 tax of \$41.7 million Other Funds for use and distribution by OEM. The OSP budget assumes transfer of OEM and the 9-1-1 program to the Oregon Military Department (OMD). Further, HB 2370 contemplates the transfer of OEM from OSP to the OMD effective January 1, 2008, and the OMD 2007-09 biennium budget (HB 5037) anticipates enactment of all of these measures to accomplish the transfer and supporting revenue for OEM's continuing programs.

DOR's minimal expenditure of staff resources to administer the tax account would continue.