

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 6 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Boone, Esquivel, Freeman, Matthews, Weidner, Cowan

Nays: 0

Exc.: Komp, Riley

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Meeting Dates: 2/10, 2/19, 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Streamlines the budget request process for Office of Emergency Management (OEM) agencies to request, disburse, and make payments from the Emergency Communications Account the same quarter instead of doing so at the end of the quarter and being reimbursed. Provides for OEM fiscal responsibility to ensure monies are spent appropriately. Provides a one-time payment, not to exceed eight percent of the amount in the Account, to transition and pay for costs incurred carrying out the duties as prescribed.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The need to examine improvements in payment efficiencies
- The need to ensure 9-1-1 funds sustainability
- Consensus amongst stakeholders
- Does not impact 9-1-1 services to Oregonians
- OEM agency request

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, an OEM agency borrows from the Emergency Communications Account (ECA) to pay for operational expenses for that same quarter and is reimbursed at the end of that quarter. On the first day of the following quarter any monies expended over the limit are reimbursed; any monies left over are rechanneled to ECA. Fund depleted are used to pay for OEM 9-1-1 program staff and administration costs, including: rent, utilities, and travel. House Bill 2167 modifies the timing of payment to ensure overall fiscal responsibility.