

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2741

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Measure Description:

Designates Emergency Communications Account as trust account exclusively for emergency communication purposes.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department and local government

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.

Analysis: Designates the Emergency Communications Account, previously established by ORS 403.225, as a trust account to be used exclusively for the uses and purposes declared in ORS 403.240 and makes explicit that the State of Oregon has no proprietary interest in this account and is contractually obliged to utilize the contents of the account only as designated in ORS 403.240.

The Legislature established the tax for emergency communications and the Emergency Communications Account. With limited exceptions, the Legislature considers any money authorized by statute as state money available for governmental purposes.

The Legislative Fiscal Office believes this measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee.