

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue by prior reference
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Elizabeth Edwards, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/21, 3/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Extends sunset date for emergency communications tax from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Local jurisdictions make up for costs not covered by tax
- Potential handling fees by Department of Revenue and other costs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's emergency communications tax (9-1-1 tax) was created in 1981 to help pay for call centers, dispatchers, communications equipment and other costs related to maintaining the emergency response system. There is presently a 75 cent per month tax on every paying retail subscriber who has telecommunication services with access to the 9-1-1 emergency reporting system, absent prepaid phones. This tax is collected by the service provider from the subscriber. The program collects about \$80 million a year, funding approximately 30 percent of the statewide total operating costs for public safety answering points (PSAPs). This tax is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013. House Bill 3317 extends the tax until January 1, 2022.