

**77TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
2013 REGULAR SESSION  
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY  
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: HB 3317- A  
CARRIER:**

**REVENUE: Revenue Impact Statement Issued**

**FISCAL: Fiscal Impact Issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended, be Printed Engrossed, and Bill be Referred to Ways and Means

**Vote:** 7-2-0

**Yeas:** Bailey, Bentz, Davis, Gelser, Read, Vega Pederson, Barnhart

**Nays:** Berger, Conger

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/03, 4/04

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- The background of the tax and what functions it funds.
- Different ways and difficulties of the 911 Response Centers.
- Collections and the different methods of paying the tax.
- Incidence of the tax, who collects and equity.
- The level of compliance and the ability to do it and enforce it.
- Revenue impacts of the enhanced enforcement.
- Role of the Department of Revenue.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:** The "-5" Amendments adds enforcement language for DOR to administer the tax emphasizing the providers of prepaid wireless and VOIP. Introduces reporting requirements and schedules, and allocates additional 0.25% of revenue collected to DOR for enforcement and administration.

**BACKGROUND:**

There is presently a 75 cent per month tax on every subscriber who has telecommunication services with access to the 9-1-1 emergency reporting system. This tax is collected by the service provider from the subscriber. The program collects about \$39 million a year, but is set to expire on January 1, 2014. This measure extends the tax till 2022.

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