77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 665 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and

Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 4 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/7, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Relocates State Interoperability Executive Council (Council) from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and conforms language to that end. Updates legislative findings to acknowledge ongoing nature of concern for public safety communications infrastructure and incorporate requirements for Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant eligibility. Modifies Council membership, operative January 2, 2016. Updates Council responsibilities to require it meet eligibility requirements for DHS grants, advise Governor, and report to legislature. Requires DAS employ Statewide Interoperability Coordinator to perform duties specified. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Depth of coalition represented on Council
- Interoperable communications critical to delivery of public safety services and emergency response
- Need to continue centralized coordination and implementation efforts in full-time position to support Council

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Makes clarifying and conforming changes to definitions, and roles/scope of State Interoperability Executive Council and Statewide Interoperability Coordinator. Includes references to tribal and federal participants and to potential implementation of FirstNet, and excludes State Radio Project.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (Interoperability Plan) is the roadmap for public safety communications needs that are critical to the delivery of public safety services in Oregon. Interoperability efforts are guided by the State Interoperability Executive Council (Council), which was established by Executive Order in 2002, to develop policies, guidelines, and legislative recommendations to improve interoperable communications consistently with other states across the nation.

Senate Bill 665A continues the evolution and implementation of Oregon's Interoperability Plan by moving both the Council and the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator position from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS); and positioning Oregon to take advantage of future grants from the Department of Homeland Security to maintain and update the state's public safety communications infrastructure.