

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

House Committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE:** May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** Ways and Means**Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/4

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Relocates State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) 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 SIEC membership, operative January 2, 2016. Updates SIEC responsibilities to require it meet eligibility requirements for DHS grants, advise Governor, and report to legislature. Requires DAS employ Statewide Interoperability Coordinator to perform specified duties. Effective July 1, 2014.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:****EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Statewide Communications 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 (SIEC), 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.

House Bill 4031 continues the evolution and implementation of Oregon's Interoperability Plan by moving both the SIEC and the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator position from ODOT to DAS; and by 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, so that one day, first responders may communicate and coordinate seamlessly regardless of agency, jurisdiction or geography.