

SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 4031

The Association of Oregon Counties represents all 36 counties. In addition to county commissioners, our membership includes Sheriffs, Community Corrections Directors, Juvenile Department Directors, Emergency Managers, and Public Safety Communications Officials – all of whom use our public safety communication system.

Interoperability between various users of the public safety system is critical to ensure our first responders have the ability to communicate effectively with each other.

The State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) has worked since 9/11 on interoperability issues. With the upcoming FirstNet system, the SIEC, Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Department of Administrative Services (DAS) all agree that the SIEC best fits with the Chief Information Office at DAS. This measure creates a more efficient and effective system.

This bill was Senate Bill 665 during the 2013 session and was led by Yamhill County Commissioner Kathy George. It passed the Senate Veterans & Emergency Services Committee unanimously but did not pass through the Ways & Means process. We have worked in conjunction with ODOT and the Legislative Fiscal Office to ensure that HB 4031 is ready for your consideration this session.

The AOC Legislative Committee, through its Communications Committee and Public Safety Committee, voted unanimously to support HB 4031.

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