

## Analysis

### Department of Transportation and Department of Administrative Services

#### State Interoperability Executive Council Report

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**Request:** Acknowledge receipt of a report on transferring statewide interoperability governance from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Administrative Services.

**Recommendation:** Acknowledge receipt of the report.

**Analysis:** HB 4031 (2014) would transfer support for the State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) from the Department of Transportation (ODOT) to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). SIEC's support moved to ODOT with the State Radio Project. The State Radio Project is coming to an end within the next year and will be completed by ODOT. The next phase in statewide public safety interoperability is implementation of broadband network. As such, it is more appropriate to centralize oversight at DAS to ensure appropriate coordination with other broadband efforts in the state. Hence, the transfer of SIEC from ODOT to DAS.

The Department's report describes how ODOT and DAS would execute the transfer, if HB 4031 passes. It also describes additional responsibilities for SIEC. Finally, the report identifies positions that will transfer and funding to implement the measure.

The state has received a federal FirstNet grant in the amount of \$2.1 million. The grant has a 3-year performance period. It is to fund planning and outreach work for implementing statewide public safety broadband. The grant covers up to 60% of the State Wide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and 100% of an Operations and Policy Analyst and a Project Manager. The grant also pays for services and supplies. The grant total is \$654,000 in 2013-15 and around \$1.4 million in 2015-17, assuming normal inflation. After the transfer of the program to DAS, 40% of the SWIC personal services will be absorbed by DAS in 2013-15, about \$60,000. DAS will seek permanent funding for that position in 2015-17.

The agencies also have a plan for transferring equipment, and for memoranda of agreement with respect to grant management.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.