

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

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE:** May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** None**Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/24, 3/3

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Reiterates that funds held in Emergency Communications Account must be used for purposes described in ORS 403.240. Requires statutory change in fiscal emergency to deviate from purposes described at ORS 403.240. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Legislative Assembly's authority to redirect funds
- Outdated 9-1-1 system
- Importance of 9-1-1 system
- Amounts previously swept that could have been used to keep 9-1-1 system technologically current
- Consolidation of Public Safety Answering Points if 9-1-1 system were current
- Amount of interest from Emergency Communications Account going to General Fund
- Mobile device 9-1-1 location not guaranteed; only land lines

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon Revised Statute 430.240 lists all the emergency services purposes that funds held in the Emergency Communications Account may be used for; however, the Legislative Assembly has authority to redirect ("sweep") funds for other purposes.

Senate Bill 432 requires statutory modification in a fiscal emergency before funds in the Emergency Communications Account may be diverted for purposes other than those listed at ORS 430.240.