

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued (indeterminate)

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None (requesting subsequent referral to W&M be added)

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/24, 3/3, 3/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Reiterates that funds held in Emergency Communications Account must be used for purposes described at ORS 403.240. Requires statutory change during 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- Outdated 9-11 system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.