

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** None

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/12, 5/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Updates statutory authority and language for current 9-1-1 emergency systems consistent with modern communications technologies. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Outdated 9-1-1 network
- Effect of strict definitions in statutory language limiting technology that may be authorized
- Making statutory authority “technology agnostic”
- Ongoing support for 9-1-1 upgrade

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

**BACKGROUND:** Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) field 1.6 million calls annually in Oregon. The current 9-1-1 answering system is over 40 years old and has an end-of-service date of June 30, 2017. Current law limits 9-1-1 contact to voice calls only.

House Bill 2426-A updates statutory authority for technological enhancements to the 9-1-1 emergency communications system.

*House Committee: 6 – 0 – 1*

*House Floor: 57 – 0 – 3*