

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/12, 5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes requirement that Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinate with PSAPS and law enforcement to collect emergency contact information for cellular service providers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2014 the legislature passed the Kelsey Smith Act requiring cellular service providers to turn over cellular device location information to law enforcement for emergency response purposes in situations involving risk of death or serious physical harm. The measure required the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to maintain a database of emergency contact information for cellular service providers; to coordinate data collection with Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and law enforcement; and to report to the legislature biennially. OEM has contracted with a vendor and earmarked \$69,222.00 for initial data collection. City and county emergency management departments and PSAPs report excellent working relationships with wireless carriers, with carriers providing critical location information in a timely fashion.

House Bill 2919 removes the requirement for the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to coordinate data collection with PSAPs and law enforcement agencies.

House Committee: 6 – 0 – 1

House Floor: 51 – 0 – 9