

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/21/15

Action: Do Pass And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10, 04/21

Vote:

Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Olsen, President Courtney

Nays: 1 - Monnes Anderson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Reiterates that funds held in Emergency Communications Account must be used for prescribed statutory purposes. Requires statutory change during fiscal emergency to deviate from prescribed statutory purposes. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislative Assembly's authority to redirect funds
- Funds only redirected when/if necessary to preserve basic services
- Outdated 9-1-1 system
- Importance of 9-1-1 system
- Money 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.