

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

**MEASURE:** HB 2426 A  
**CARRIER:** Sen. Monnes Anderson

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/19/15

**Action:** Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/12, 05/19

**Vote:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Updates statutory authority and language for current 9-1-1 emergency systems to be 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- Outdated 9-1-1 network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.