

SB 661 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

States that moneys in the Emergency Communications Account may only be used for prescribed statutory purposes except in case of a fiscal emergency defined as a deficit of at least 12 percent below the revenue estimate for the biennium.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of emergency communications and response

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Revised Statute 430.240 enumerates 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 (or “sweep”) funds for other purposes.

Senate Bill 661 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.