

SB 661 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 03/23/17

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 3-0-1-0

Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Olsen, President Courtney

Exc: 1 - Monnes Anderson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of emergency communications and response

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Revised Statute 403.240 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 funds for other purposes particularly during difficult economic times.

Senate Bill 661 requires statutory modification in a fiscal emergency before funds in the Emergency Communications Account may be redirected for purposes other than those listed in statute.