

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2449 - A

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Measure Description:

Increases rate of tax for emergency communications.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Oregon Military Department (OMD), Department of Revenue (DOR)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is submitted to transmit the measure from the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness to the House Committee on Revenue.

The measure would increase the tax for emergency communications on each consumer or retailer subscriber who has telecommunications service or interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service from \$0.75 to \$1.50 per month, or for prepaid wireless telecommunications service from \$0.75 to \$1.50 per retail transaction. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) would be required to distribute quarterly the moneys in the Emergency Communications Account to: (1) the Department of Revenue (DOR) to cover its administrative costs during the calendar quarter, though not to exceed the lesser of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the account balance on the date of distribution or DOR’s actual expenses; and (2) OEM to cover its administrative costs during the calendar quarter, though not to exceed two percent (2%) of the account balance on the date of distribution. After making the required distributions, OEM would be required to allocate the remaining balance of the Emergency Communications Account to cities and counties on a per capita basis for distribution to 9-1-1 jurisdictions. However, each county would be credited a minimum of one percent (1%) of the balance of the account. It would require that interest earned by the Emergency Communications Account and the 9-1-1 Subaccount be credited to the 9-1-1 Subaccount. The measure would extend the sunset of the tax for emergency communications from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2030

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on Counties, the Oregon Military Department, and the Department of Revenue.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the House Committee on Revenue.

Further Analysis Required