Senate Bill 137

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SUMMARY

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Authorizes Office of Emergency Management to site radio towers and related facilities needed for wireless interoperable public safety communications in areas zoned for commercial, industrial, farm or forest use. Authorizes local governments to propose alternate sites.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to wireless interoperable public safety network.

3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) As used in this section, "remote communications infrastructure" means 5 towers required to provide wireless interoperable public safety communications and related 6 buildings on facilities necessarily selected with toward

6 buildings or facilities necessarily colocated with towers.

7 (2) To support the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Oregon Wireless 8 Interoperability Network developed pursuant to the Oregon Interoperable Communication 9 Plan described in ORS 401.872 and 401.874, the Office of Emergency Management may site 10 remote communications infrastructure, including infrastructure owned or coowned by a local 11 government, in an area zoned for commercial, industrial, farm or forest use.

12 (3) For purposes of ORS 215.213 (1)(d) and 215.283 (1)(d), remote communications 13 infrastructure is a utility facility.

(4) In addition to the authority granted to the governing body of a county under ORS
215.275 (5), within 90 days after receipt of an application for siting remote communications
infrastucture in a farm or forest zone, the governing body of a county or city may deny an
application if the governing body proposes an alternate site that is acceptable to the office.

(5) The office shall notify the governing body of the county or city as soon as practicable
whether the alternate site described in subsection (4) of this section is acceptable. In reviewing the alternate site, the office shall, at a minimum, consider the factors described in
ORS 215.275 (2), including the costs associated with the factors.

(6) The time within which a county or a city must take final action on an application under ORS 215.427 or 227.178 is tolled from the day after the governing body proposes an alternate site to the office to the day the office notifies the governing body whether the alternate site is acceptable.

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