

HB 2449 -1, -2, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Sub-Referral To: House Committee On Revenue

Meeting Dates: 3/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases taxes for emergency communications. Increases the amount of distribution from the Emergency Communications Account to counties with populations below 40,000.

NOTE - measure has a subsequent referral to the House Committee on Revenue

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

- 1 Deletes provisions increasing distribution to counties with populations below 40,000.
- 2 Reduces limit on amount of reimbursement for administrative costs to Oregon Emergency Management from four percent to two percent of account balance on date of distribution.
- 3 Reduces limit on amount of reimbursement for administrative costs to Oregon Department of Revenue from one percent to one-half of one percent.

BACKGROUND:

The three-digit telephone number 9-1-1 has been designated as the universal emergency number for citizens throughout the United States to request emergency assistance. It traces its origins to 1957, when the National Association of Fire Chiefs recommended usage of a single number for reporting fires; in 1967, the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice recommended that a single number for reporting emergency situations was preferable to using different numbers for each type of emergency.