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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. After making the required distributions, the Office of Emergency Management 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 with a population of 40,000 or more would be credited a minimum of one percent (1%) of the balance of the account, and each county with a population of less than 40,000 would be credited a minimum of two percent (2%) of the balance of the account. The measure would also require that interest by the Emergency Communications Account and the 9-1-1 Subaccount be credited to the 9-1-1 Subaccount.

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