

## HB 2425 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 2/25, 3/11

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Office of Emergency Management to develop and administer grant program in support of projects to consolidate and modernize or upgrade public safety answering points. Requires grant applications to include plan for consolidating two or more public safety answering points into single public safety answering point and plan for modernizing or upgrading software or hardware. Allows office to approve up to two projects per biennium. Allows office to provide matching grants up to certain limit for modernizing or upgrading software or hardware. Established Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund. Sunsets January 2, 2041.

#### *Subsequent referral to Joint Committee on Ways and Means*

**REVENUE:** *No revenue impact*

**FISCAL:** *Fiscal impact issued*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Consolidation funding in addition to regular funding
- PSAPs funded by taxes on phone calls
- Number of calls to 9-1-1 a year
- Number of PSAPs in Oregon; past and present
- Use of aging/redundant/costly to maintain equipment
- Kimble Report
- Ability of radio systems to communicate
- Cost saving versus cost avoidance with consolidation
- going to EM work group

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Requires plans to specify that all equipment acquired for radio infrastructure will support interoperable two-way digital radio standards or is capable of being upgraded to support such standards. Requires grant application to show 9-1-1 system upgrades and radio infrastructure upgrades are either in compliance with Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan or are capable of being upgraded to bring them into compliance. Lists entities application must be presented to for review and comment. Requires 9-1-1 jurisdiction to commit \$150,000 in matching funds to be eligible for grants for modernizing or upgrading software or hardware. Sets limit of \$50,000 for technical support to implementation of consolidation plan. Sets December 1st as date OEM must submit annual report to Legislative Assembly.

#### BACKGROUND:

Public safety answering points (PSAP) are the call centers where emergency calls for police, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS), are routed to when 911 is dialed. PSAPs are operated by local governments with revenues received from a telephone excise tax paid by telecommunication service providers for each device with access to 9-1-1, each month, that is presumably passed-along to and recaptured from consumers. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) receives and distributes these funds. Since 1995 there have attempts to "right-size" the 9-1-1 system in Oregon. Thirty years ago there were almost 300 PSAPs in Oregon; currently there are roughly 50 operating in the state.

## HB 2425 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Bill 2425 directs the Office of Emergency Management to develop and administer a grant program in support of projects to consolidate and modernize or upgrade public safety answering points. The bill also allows for the approval of up to two projects a year and creates the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund.