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Measure Description:

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.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department (OMD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2425 with the -2 amendment establishes the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund and directs the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to develop and administer a grant program for projects to consolidate and modernize public safety answering points. The measure requires that applications for grants must include a plan for consolidating public safety answering points and specify that all radio infrastructure equipment acquired meet interoperable two-way digital radio standards. OEM is directed to approve grant applications if they are determined to approve the efficiency of the emergency communications system. Under this measure OEM may approve two such projects per biennium.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that the measure establishes a fund for which revenue sources have yet to be identified. The measure specifies that moneys in this fund may come from the General Fund, and includes an appropriation section that is blank.

In addition to the amount that may be appropriated to capitalize the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund, OMD may need to hire a Program Analyst 3 to oversee the fund.

This measure requires budgetary action for the allocation of General Fund resources and position establishment.