

A-Engrossed House Bill 2425

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Including House Amendments dated March 15

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON, Senator FINDLEY; Representative EVANS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

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.
Sunsets January 2, 2041.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to public safety answering points.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) "Emergency communications system" has the meaning given that term in ORS
6 403.105.

7 (b) "9-1-1 jurisdiction" has the meaning given that term in 403.105.

8 (c) "Public safety answering point" has the meaning given that term in ORS 403.105.

9 (2) The Office of Emergency Management shall administer a program to provide grants,
10 from the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund established under section 2 of this
11 2021 Act, in support of projects to consolidate and modernize or upgrade public safety an-
12 swering points.

13 (3)(a) 9-1-1 jurisdictions may apply for grants under the program. An application must
14 include, at a minimum:

15 (A) A plan for consolidating two or more public safety answering points into a single
16 public safety answering point; and

17 (B) A plan for modernizing or upgrading software or hardware.

18 (b) Plans must specify that all equipment acquired for radio infrastructure will support
19 interoperable two-way digital radio standards, or is capable of being upgraded to support
20 such standards.

21 (c) Plans may rely on or include information previously collected or plans previously de-
22 veloped by a 9-1-1 jurisdiction.

23 (4)(a) The office shall approve a grant application if:

24 (A) The office determines that the project described in the application will improve the
25 efficiency of the emergency communications system;

26 (B) The office determines that 9-1-1 system upgrades and radio infrastructure upgrades
27 described in the application are either in compliance with applicable provisions of the Oregon
28 Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan described in ORS 403.455 or are capable of

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1 being upgraded to bring them into compliance; and

2 (C) The application has been presented to the following entities for review and comment:

3 (i) The official within the office with primary responsibility for the emergency commu-
4 nications system; and

5 (ii) Any relevant advisory committees established under ORS 403.120.

6 (b) The office may approve applications for a maximum of two projects per biennium,
7 notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection. The office shall review and approve appli-
8 cations in the order in which they are received.

9 (5) The office may provide grants of up to \$500,000 for modernizing or upgrading software
10 or hardware to 9-1-1 jurisdictions whose grant applications are approved under this section.
11 To be eligible for a grant under this subsection, a 9-1-1 jurisdiction must commit an amount
12 of at least \$150,000 to the modernization or upgrade.

13 (6) Grants under the program may not exceed, per project:

14 (a) \$25,000 for costs related to developing consolidation plans; and

15 (b) \$50,000 for technical support to implement consolidation plans.

16 (7) On or before December 1 of each year, the office shall report on the status of the
17 grant program described in this section to the interim committees of the Legislative As-
18 sembly related to emergency preparedness.

19 (8) The office shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section, including rules
20 governing the form and process for grant applications.

21 **SECTION 2.** The Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund is established in the
22 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Public Safety Answer
23 Point Consolidation Fund consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or trans-
24 ferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. The moneys in the fund are
25 continuously appropriated to the Oregon Military Department for the Office of Emergency
26 Management to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act.

27 **SECTION 3.** (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act are repealed on January 2, 2041.

28 (2) Any moneys remaining in the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund estab-
29 lished under section 2 of this 2021 Act on the date specified in subsection (1) of this section
30 that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall revert to the Gen-
31 eral Fund.

32 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Military Department, for the biennium
33 beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$___, for deposit in the Public
34 Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund established under section 2 of this 2021 Act.