

HB 2266 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds one member from Department of State Fire Marshal and one member from Oregon emergency management community to State Interoperability Executive Council.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) coordinates resources, develops policy and guideline recommendations, and identifies technology standards to facilitate coordinated emergency interoperable communications. Interoperability is the ability of emergency responders to communicate across jurisdictions and disciplines to respond to day-to-day incidents and large-scale emergencies. It allows emergency communications to take place among public safety professionals using a variety of frequency bands, as needed and as authorized.

The SIEC's goals are to: (1) create a common understanding of communications interoperability throughout Oregon; (2) identify, develop and recommend standards, protocols, and common language for interoperability; and (3) integrate existing and future interoperable communications systems.

Members of the SIEC currently include two members of the Legislative Assembly as nonvoting members; 12 members appointed by the Governor from certain state agencies, a federally recognized tribe, and the public; and 10 members appointed by the Governor, with the concurrence of the Senate President and House Speaker, from specified local government entities, special districts, local law enforcement, and communications interests.

House Bill 2266 adds one member from the State Fire Marshal and one member from the Oregon emergency management community to the SIEC.