

SB 826 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure transfers duties, functions, and powers from the State Chief Information Officer relating to the Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. It declares an emergency and would take effect on July 1, 2025.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

Detailed Summary

Transfers duties, functions, and powers from the State Chief Information Officer (CIO) relating to the Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (OSCIP) to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM). Specifies this covers records, property, and employees, with the Governor resolving disputes. Transfers unexpended balances of amounts authorized to be expended for OSCIP, and maintains any existing expenditure classifications. Maintains existing and pending OSCIP-related activities; liabilities, duties, and obligations; and agency rules in their transfer to OEM jurisdiction. Updates OSCIP-related references in uncodified laws and resolutions, rules, documents, records, or proceedings of the Legislative Assembly; and provisions of Chapter 403 of the Oregon Revised Statutes regarding the State Interoperability Executive Council; to point to OEM, its director, and relevant legislative committees. Declares emergency; effective July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of agency jurisdiction over the Statewide Interoperability Program
- Role and use of drone technology
- Addressing cybersecurity and artificial intelligence

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The [Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan](#) (OSCIP) is a multi-jurisdictional and multidisciplinary statewide plan to enhance emergency communications. A statewide communication operability plan is required by the United States Department of Homeland Security for grant funding, and can often be required by other agencies as well.

The [State Interoperability Executive Council](#) (SIEC) is the statewide interoperability governing body which serves as the primary steering group for the OSCIP, with its duties laid out in [Chapter 403.455](#) of the Oregon Revised Statutes. The SIEC is to annually update and monitor implementation of the OSCIP, with the goal of achieving statewide interoperability of public safety communications systems.

Both the OSCIP and SIEC are currently under the jurisdiction of the State Chief Information Officer and are housed in Enterprise Information Services.

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Senate Bill 826 would transfer responsibility of the OSCIP and SIEC to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.