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Bill Title: Relating to the Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Administrative Services, Department of Emergency Management

Summary of Fiscal Impact

| 2025-27 Biennium | General Fund | Lottery Funds | Other Funds | Federal Funds | Total Funds | Positions | FTE |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|--------|
| Department of Administrative Services | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (3,869,857) | \$ - | \$ (3,869,857) | (3) | (3.00) |
| Department of Emergency Management | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,869,857 | \$ - | \$ 3,869,857 | 3 | 3.00 |
| Total Fiscal Impact | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

Measure Description

The measure requires the State Chief Information Officer (CIO), within the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), to transfer the duties, function, and powers relating to the Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM). This includes the transfer of all records and property and the transfer of employees related to the plan from DAS to ODEM. The measure authorizes ODEM to charge public bodies an assessment fee and establishes the Statewide Interoperability Fund within the State Treasury to be separate and distinct from the General Fund. The fund may consist of moneys deposited from the assessments and may include moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited, or transferred by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. The moneys are continuously appropriated to ODEM to carry out that acts of the plan.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be a net-zero in the 2025-27 biennium.

The measure transfers an existing program and positions from DAS to ODEM for the purpose of enhancing the state’s emergency management and response capabilities and improve emergency communications coordination for public safety and emergency response officials statewide.

At the 2025-27 current service level, the Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability program has three staff positions: one permanent full-time Information Systems Specialist 8 (1.00 FTE in 2025-27) who acts as the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, one permanent full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (1.00 FTE in 2025-27) who provides project management and policy development, and one permanent full-time Information Systems Specialist 5 (1.00 FTE in 2025-27) who provides technical assistance. The estimated cost of the three positions being transferred, including standard position-related services and supplies costs, is \$1.4 million Other Funds for the 2025-27 biennium.

In addition to the position transfer, DAS is transferring the \$2.5 million Everbridge platform contract that facilitates statewide emergency alerts, warnings, and notifications. Under the measure, these positions, and the unexpended balances from revenues available for the plan made available to DAS, will be transferred to ODEM.

The 2025-27 Governor's budget recommendation contains Policy Option Package 169 for DAS and Policy Option Package 101 for ODEM which includes the transfer of the plan, dedicated staff, and budget authority from DAS to ODEM.

It is important to note that the Everbridge contract expires at the end of the 2023-25 biennium and must be renewed by ODEM. The renewal increases the cost of the contract by \$529,495, so Other Funds limitation for ODEM will need to be increased by that amount in their agency 2025-27 budget bill (SB 5517). This increase is not a product of the transfer, but of the contract expiration and renewal, so the actual program transfer reflected in this measure remains net-zero. The measure authorizes ODEM to cover the costs of this program by continuing the use of an assessment that allocates costs to agencies based on budgeted Full-Time Equivalent authority. If this measure becomes law, the \$529,495 increase will need to be incorporated in the Legislatively Adopted Budget Pricelist and any adjustments to statewide assessments will be included in an end of session omnibus budget bill.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.