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Senator James Manning Jr., Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

900 Court St NE

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Re: SB826 – Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan

Dear Chair Manning and Members of the Committee:

This letter seeks support for SB826 which transfers duties, functions and powers related to the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan including the Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) from the State Chief Information Officer (CIO) to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM).

On April 19, 2024, the Director of ODEM and the Deputy State CIO entered into an intergovernmental agreement to temporarily transition the Statewide Interoperability Program from the State CIO to ODEM. This transition provides the opportunity to cultivate heightened collaboration among emergency management, public safety, and diverse governmental and non-governmental agencies. This transition is designed to promote a more unified approach to the development of state and local policies concerning public safety communications.

This transition is in accordance with the central mission of ODEM, focusing on the management of statewide emergencies and collaboration with diverse agencies for a coordinated and effective response. Additionally, it aligns with the statutory mission of SIEC, serving as the primary steering committee for the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan. The aim of this plan is to enhance the overall interoperability and efficiency of public safety and emergency communications within the state.

The State CIO proposed policy option package #169 in Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Governor's Recommended Budget in support of this transition. Policy option package #169 removes Statewide Interoperability funding and positions from DAS' budget so they may be transferred and utilized in ODEM's budget, their policy option package #101.

Please contact me if I can provide additional clarification or information.

Sincerely,

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