

# House Bill 2508

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## 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 **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon Department Office of Emergency Management to administer grant program in support of projects to consolidate and modernize or upgrade public safety answering points.  
Sunsets January 2, 2043.

## 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 ORS 403.105.

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

9 (2) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall administer a program to  
10 provide grants, from the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund established under  
11 section 2 of this 2023 Act, in support of projects to consolidate and modernize or upgrade  
12 public safety answering 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 be capable of being upgraded to support such  
20 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 department shall approve a grant application if:

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

26 (B) The department determines that 9-1-1 system upgrades and radio infrastructure up-  
27 grades described in the application are either in compliance with applicable provisions of the  
28 Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan described in ORS 403.455 or capable  
29 of being upgraded to bring them into compliance; and

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

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1 (i) The official within the department with primary responsibility for the emergency  
2 communications system; and

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

4 (b) The department may approve applications for a maximum of two projects per  
5 biennium, notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection. The department shall review and  
6 approve applications in the order in which they are received.

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

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

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

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

14 (7) On or before December 1 of each year, the department shall report on the status of  
15 the grant program described in this section to the interim committees of the Legislative  
16 Assembly related to emergency preparedness.

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

19 **SECTION 2.** The Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund is established in the  
20 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Public Safety Answer  
21 Point Consolidation Fund consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or trans-  
22 ferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the fund are con-  
23 tinuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to carry out  
24 the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.

25 **SECTION 3.** (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2023 Act are repealed on January 2, 2043.

26 (2) Any moneys remaining in the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund estab-  
27 lished under section 2 of this 2023 Act on the date specified in subsection (1) of this section  
28 that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall revert to the Gen-  
29 eral Fund.

30 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Manage-  
31 ment, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of  
32 \$\_\_\_\_\_, for deposit in the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund established under  
33 section 2 of this 2023 Act.

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