

HB 3095-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to ensure that the state's investment in public safety radio communications facilities are managed in a way to promote to the maximum extent possible the health and safety of the state's citizens and the economic efficiencies of coordinated planning, development, management, maintenance, accountability, and performance.

Finds that an interoperable and operational public safety communications system is essential for disaster preparedness, emergency management, and public safety, and that coordination for the purpose of development, procurement, and deployment of a public safety communications system will result in a more effective use of state resources and improvement to government services.

Requires that, by June 30, 2012, a statewide public safety communications system must be built to achieve the highest level of interoperability possible. This system must consist of the following: (1) A centrally managed system of systems architectures that facilitates the sharing of assets between state and local governments;

(2) A radio over internet protocol-based interoperability system that enables nonstate agencies to interconnect their radio systems with the state system;

(3) A statewide digital transport backbone system that provides connectivity to all transmitter locations;

(4) A mutual-aid communications system deployed across the state to enable interoperability at and across the commonly used public safety frequency bands;

(5) A statewide, project 25 standards-based, frequency independent system of systems that uses equipment common to all agency-focused systems providing full interoperability; and

(6) A statewide mobile data system that provides low and medium speed data communications capabilities for participating agency subscribers.

Requires the state interoperability executive committee to provide an annual report to the legislature and the office of financial management that documents the design, accomplishments, remaining tasks, and recommendations by September 1, 2006, and annually by September 1st thereafter.