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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1496**

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**By** House Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Hurst, O'Brien, Simpson, Hinkle, Van De Wege, Ericks, and Sells)

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1            AN ACT Relating to changing the membership of the state  
2 interoperability executive committee; and amending RCW 43.105.330.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.105.330 and 2006 c 76 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The board shall appoint a state interoperability executive  
7 committee((~~τ~~)).

8            (a) The membership of ((which)) the state interoperability  
9 executive committee must include, but not be limited to((~~τ~~)) the  
10 following voting members:

- 11            (i) A representative((~~s~~)) of the military department((~~τ~~));
- 12            (ii) A representative of the Washington state patrol((~~τ~~));
- 13            (iii) A representative of the department of transportation((~~τ~~));
- 14            (iv) A representative of the department of information  
15 services((~~τ~~));
- 16            (v) A representative of the department of natural resources((~~τ~~));
- 17            (vi) A representative of city ((and county)) governments((~~τ~~));
- 18            (vii) A representative of county governments;

1        (viii) A representative of a state ((and local)) fire ((chiefs,  
2 police)) agency;  
3        (ix) A representative of local fire chiefs((, and));  
4        (x) A representative of local police;  
5        (xi) A representative of sheriffs((, and state and local emergency  
6 management directors));  
7        (xii) A representative of the state emergency managers association;  
8        (xiii) A representative of the state emergency management division;  
9 and  
10       (xiv) A tribal representative;  
11       (b) The following persons shall be requested to participate as  
12 nonvoting members of the state interoperability executive committee:  
13       (i) A representative of a federal agency counterpart;  
14       (ii) A representative of the state's urban area security initiative  
15 region;  
16       (iii) A representative of the association of public safety  
17 communications officials national emergency number association chapter;  
18 and  
19       (iv) Four legislators.  
20       (2) The legislative membership appointed under subsection (1) of  
21 this section must consist of one member from each of the two largest  
22 caucuses of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, and  
23 one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
24 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
25 representatives. The chair and legislative members of the board will  
26 serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the committee. Voting  
27 membership may not exceed fifteen members.  
28       ((+2)) (3) The chair of the board shall appoint the chair or  
29 cochairs of the committee from among the voting members of the  
30 committee.  
31       ((+3)) (4) The state interoperability executive committee has the  
32 following responsibilities:  
33       (a) Develop policies and make recommendations to the board for  
34 technical standards for state wireless radio communications systems,  
35 including emergency communications systems. The standards must  
36 address, among other things, the interoperability of systems, taking  
37 into account both existing and future systems and technologies;

1 (b) Coordinate and manage on behalf of the board the licensing and  
2 use of state-designated and state-licensed radio frequencies, including  
3 the spectrum used for public safety and emergency communications, and  
4 serve as the point of contact with the federal communications  
5 commission on matters relating to allocation, use, and licensing of  
6 radio spectrum;

7 (c) Coordinate the purchasing of all state wireless radio  
8 communications system equipment to ensure that:

9 (i) After the transition from a radio over internet protocol  
10 network, any new trunked system shall be, at a minimum, project-25;

11 (ii) Any new system that requires advanced digital features shall  
12 be, at a minimum, project-25; and

13 (iii) Any new system or equipment purchases shall be, at a minimum,  
14 upgradeable to project-25;

15 (d) Seek support, including possible federal or other funding, for  
16 state-sponsored wireless communications systems;

17 (e) Develop recommendations for legislation that may be required to  
18 promote interoperability of state wireless communications systems;

19 (f) Foster cooperation and coordination among public safety and  
20 emergency response organizations;

21 (g) Work with wireless communications groups and associations to  
22 ensure interoperability among all public safety and emergency response  
23 wireless communications systems; and

24 (h) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the board to  
25 promote interoperability of wireless communications systems.

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