
H.B. 119 - Emergency Communication Funding

Fiscal Note

2007 General Session

State of Utah

State Impact

If this bill is enacted, revenue to the Statewide Unified E-911 Emergency Services Fund will decrease by \$2,579,400 in FY 2008 and \$1,146,400 in FY 2009 and beyond. The Utah State Tax Commission will no longer be required to collect a portion of tax on individual telephone lines and will lose dedicated credits associated with collection of such tax equal to \$39,600 in FY 2008 and \$17,600 in FY 2009 and beyond.

Enactment of this bill will appropriate \$5.7 million from the Statewide Unified E-911 Emergency Services Fund on a one-time basis to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for grants. This is in addition to \$3.9 million appropriated to DPS from the account in the base budget bill (H.B. 1, 2007 General Session) and \$5.4 million in nonlapsing balances anticipated in the DPS grant program for FY 2007.

Finally, as the State is a consumer of telephone lines, the State would save \$9,700 per year due to the decreased telephone surcharges enacted by this bill.

	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	(\$6,500)	(\$6,500)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	(\$3,200)	(\$3,200)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dedicated Credits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$39,600)	(\$17,600)
Restricted Funds	\$0	\$5,700,000	\$0	\$0	(\$2,579,400)	(\$1,146,400)
Total	\$0	\$5,690,300	(\$9,700)	\$0	(\$2,619,000)	(\$1,164,000)

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Telecommunications carriers will not longer be required to collect a portion of tax on individual lines and will lose associated revenue of \$39,600 in FY 2008 and \$17,600 in FY 2009 and beyond. Local governments may collect additional tax revenue associated with a \$0.61 per line charge extended to new telecommunications technologies like Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP).