

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Recognize Bureau of Emergency Communications Telecommunicators as First Responders in the City of Portland (Resolution)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Public Safety (9-1-1) Telecommunicators are categorized in the federal government's Standard Occupational Classification System (SOCS) as an "Office and Administrative Support Occupation". This classification fails to recognize the central and critical role in public safety and homeland security that telecommunicators fill. Additionally, the uniquely stressful work environment, skills, education, and training for 9-1-1 telecommunicators is more in line with "Protective Service Occupations" alongside police, firefighters, and others whose job it is to protect our community. This classification better reflects the work performed by 9-1-1 telecommunicators.

This resolution recognizes 9-1-1 telecommunicators as first responders alongside police and firefighters.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This resolution has no fiscal impact and is intended to provide recognition only.

There has been legislation introduced in the past to bring 9-1-1 telecommunicators under the same PERS rules as police and fire. If there is a change to Oregon PERS, there could be an impact on when 9-1-1 telecommunicators are eligible for full retirement. This would impact PERS statewide, not only involving BOEC employees, but all 9-1-1 telecommunicators working in PERS-covered positions.

Again, the intent of this document is to recognize 9-1-1 telecommunicators as first responders, not to advocate for or against legislation involving changes to PERS.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount
